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UNITY DAY

San Vicente Elementary School students gather in front of the school's stage as part of their Unity Day activity yesterday, Oct. 22. All students wore orange shirts as a symbol of unity against bullying.

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'No to sequestration of ballots'

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REPORTER

John H. Davis Jr. has opposed the Commonwealth Election Commission's and Gov. Eloy S. Inos' request with the federal court to delay the tabulation and certification of votes cast for the Article 12 initiative and sequester the ballots pending the disposition of their appeal.



Davis Jr.

Davis, through counsel Jeanne H. Rayphand, said the motion should be denied because CEC and Inos are unlikely to succeed on the merits.

In Davis' opposition to the motion, Rayphand said the Commonwealth will not suffer irreparable harm if an injunction is not issued.

Rayphand added that the balance of hardship does not tip sharply in favor of the Commonwealth that the public interest will not be furthered by the issuance of an injunction.

Contrary to CEC's and Inos' asser-

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Another lawmaker volunteers to sign off on certified question

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More than three months have passed since a bill appropriating \$800,000 for land compensation payments became law but landowners whose properties were taken by the government for

public use have yet to receive a single cent under Saipan Local Law 18-19. That's because the Executive Branch believes earmarking proceeds from Managaha landing and user fees to pay for land compensation is unconstitutional.

Now another member of the House

of Representatives wants to break the stalemate between the two branches.

Rep. Christopher Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) has volunteered to sign off on a certified question that will be submitted to the Supreme Court to hopefully put finality to the issue.

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Sea Touch project pits fishermen vs fishermen

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Sea Touch Saipan LLC's proposed \$1.125-million shark and stingray marine park project off the beach of Fiesta Resort & Saipan has resulted in an uneasy conflict pitting local fishermen

against one another.

Rep. Ramon Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) is at the forefront of a group of local fisherman not necessarily opposed to the project but is asking the company to move it a "few yards" north where the Hyatt Regency Saipan waterfront is.

Tebuteb reiterated his concerns

about the Sea Touch project during Tuesday night's Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs public hearing on Sea Touch's submerged land lease agreement with the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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2 WWII veterans presented with posthumous awards

NMI Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman and his wife Faythe recently visited Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's office in Washington, D.C. to bestow posthumous awards to two men who served their country on Saipan and Tinian during World War II.

The certificates and medallions were posthumous awards made to 1st Lt. Russell Leroy French and to Maj. Berchmans Cotter, through their sons, Vice Admiral Bill French and his brother Capt. Tim French, (retired), and Chief Judge, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (retired), B. Tony Cotter, respectively. Accompanying them were family members.

These awards were made by Wiseman and done so in his ca-



From left, Tim French and his brother Vice Adm. Bill French, their wives Monica and Mary, NMI Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman, his wife Faythe, Chief Judge Tony Cotter (retired), wife Twill, and their children, Sarah and Berk.

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capacity as chairman of the Armed Forces Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, with the authorization of VFW Post 3457 on Saipan, which is the creator and originator of the awards.

The certificates and medallions were created by the Saipan VFW Post 3457 for the 60th commemoration of the Liberation of Saipan in 2004, sometimes known as The Great Marianas Turkey Shoot during World War II. They were given to the returning veterans, who,

along with Brig. Gen. Paul Tibbets (retired), pilot of the *Enola Gay*, graced the ceremony with their presence. Since that time they have been available from the VFW Post on Saipan on a case by case basis upon request.

The recipients of the awards, through their family members, were truly appreciative and the event fondly memorialized them. The VFW Post 3457 on Saipan is to be commended for this voluntary and thoughtful creation and policy in remem-

brance of the World War II soldiers who fought the battles on Saipan and Tinian.

Although this event was planned in coordination with Sablan, who did plan to be present, the congressman was called away at the last minute on official business. However he did provide the full use of his office and the full cooperation of his staff, who were very helpful, which contributed to making this event a successful and very pleasant ceremony. (PR)

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Parent fights for occupational therapy services for daughter

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A complaint filed by a father against the Public School System in July brought to light the termination of certain services as provided to his special-needs daughter. The complaint was resolved in Sept. 4 when PSS agreed to meet the proposed resolutions in the complaint.

At the heart of matter was Alan B. Vila's daughter, Evita Tanya Vila.

To begin school year 2013, she was transitioned to the "consultative model" of occupational therapy services from the "direct interventional model" she used to receive while a student of Oleai Elementary School.

She is now a student of Hopwood Junior High School.

The change in services was at the recommendation of registered occupational therapist Karri L. Fisher.

But Vila, in his complaint, claimed an "unjustified discontinuance" of these services, as well as other acts, as violations

of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA.

He cited a change in his daughter's individualized educational program without due regard to his input as the father or recommendations from her previous school.

According to a September SY 2012-2013 OT progress report, Fisher found "good improvement" in Tanya's frustration tolerance with tasks like handwriting and noted development in that area as well.

Tanya at that point had the "necessary foundational skills" to perform the task and demonstrated competence in handwriting eligibility, according to Fisher.

While she noted some "inconsistencies," Fisher said Tanya could achieve standard performance level through consistent expectation across all settings—that assignments are completed at a level that matches her performance level.

She stated that Tanya did not need the direct intervention model, but rather a consultative

model to review her progress.

In May 2013, a meeting was held between Hopwood's special education teacher Ben Rayphand, Vila, and two OES teacher, according to the complaint.

Vila said that he personally heard Elmie Guerrero of Hopwood recommend from a report that the services Tanya had at OES be continued at Hopwood.

Guerrero is not a registered occupational therapist, as gathered from the documents.

In September 2013, an individualized education program was created for Tanya, with speech pathology services but no OT services, according to the complaint. Vila insisted that Tanya's services be continued at Hopwood.

In October 2013, Vila was

provided a copy of Fisher's report.

In April 2014, a meeting between PSS representatives, its legal counsel, Vila, and representatives from the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems was held at Vila's request.

Vila pushed for an addendum to his daughter's IEP to return her to the direct intervention model, according to the complaint. He also asked for documents that would justify the change in his daughter's services.

In his complaint, Vila cited section 504 of IDEA that said an appropriate education would include an establishment of due process procedures that enable parents and guardians to receive

required notices, review their child's records, and challenge identification, evaluation and placement decisions.

Evaluations and placements procedure should be set to "guard against misclassification and inappropriate placement," according to IDEA.

Vila claimed in his complaint that the opinion of Guerrero, who saw Tanya almost daily at OES, should "have carried more weight" than Fisher who saw her less frequently.

Also from direct experience as Tanya's father, he believes that Tanya still needs OT services under the direct intervention model.

He asked for a reinstatement and a reevaluation of his daughter's condition.

The complaint was resolved when PSS met some of the proposed resolutions in the complaint. With Tanya reinstated under the DI model of the OT services, a reevaluation was said to be unnecessary.

PSS also agreed that information from all IEP team members be given due consideration, and access to all educational and service related records be allowed.

PSS' legal counsel office would not comment further on the complaint.

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Palau Senate passes a salary increase for govt employees

KOROR, Palau (Island Times/PIR)—The Palau Senate passed in the third and final reading on Thursday the proposed law that increases the salary of national government employees by \$25 bi-weekly.

This bill implements, beginning on Oct. 1, 2015, a \$25 bi-weekly salary increase for every civil servant that will ensure that all civil servants are paid at least the minimum wage.

Some 1,041 employees of the national government are covered by the salary increase. The total cost of the increase is estimated to be approximately \$1,042,694.

The bill's legislative find-

ings states, "The Olbiil Era Kelulau finds that it will be necessary to implement a pay increase for civil servants of the national government in order to keep pace with the minimum wage as gradual increases to the minimum wage take effect."

The bill accomplishes two essential objectives: it ensures that all civil servant salaries are equal to or above the minimum wage and provides each civil servant an additional \$650 cost of living adjustment over the course of the year.

The measure now goes to the House of Delegates for its approval.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Veterans Day proclamation signing

The Military and Veterans Affairs Office is inviting all veterans, active and reserved military members, and the public to join them for the Veterans Day proclamation signing on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014, at 10am at the Office of the Governor's conference room. This year's Veterans Day falls on Nov. 11, a Tuesday. (PR)

NMDC general membership meeting set

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp. has scheduled a general membership meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23, starting at 6pm, at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan. The agenda will include the

Gubernatorial Forum and Save Pagan Movement.

The NMDC-hosted CNMI Governor and Lt. Governor

Candidates' Forum is scheduled on Saturday, Oct. 25, starting at 6pm, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. It is free and open to the public. (NMDC)

Air Force training on FDM

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following times:

■ Oct. 23, from 10am to 5pm

■ Oct. 23, from 7pm to 11:59pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)



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Korean Association of Saipan finally has president

After almost two years without a president due to internal turmoil, the Korean Association of Saipan finally has one.

Hong-Kyun Kim, owner of P&A

Corp., was elected for a two-year term as president of the association.

The association's election committee member, Jun Lee, said yesterday that

Kim was chosen as their president during a general meeting held at the Korean Association Center in San Antonio on Friday.

Lee said they didn't have president for almost two years because some officers were suing each other over election matter and other issues.

Lee said the disputing parties finally settled and are united again.

The Korean Association of Saipan has about 1,500 members. (PR)



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Members of the Korean Association of Saipan hold a general meeting at the Korean Association Center in San Antonio on Friday. Inset shows the association's new president, Hong-Kyun Kim, owner of P&A Corp.



FISHERMEN

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The lawmaker submitted to the committee a petition letter signed by over 100 fishermen requesting Sea Touch to consider moving the location of the temporary holding pens for the sharks and stingrays from the waterfront of Fiesta Resort, which they claim is traditional fishing ground.

Tebuteb's and his group's position is being countered by other fishermen such as former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente and Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan).

In an email to *Saipan Tribune* last night, Tebuteb said: "Please

note that I learned of this traditional fishing grounds from one of Diego's fishing mentor, the late Mr. Jacinto Taman. I have fished all my life in most of our waters, from ankle deep to the deep ocean. I am a certified diver and used to dive for Mr. Ben Concepcion, one of the founding pioneers of our famous scuba dive spots. Jess Tudela, whom I mentioned last night, authorized me to use his name on behalf of our expressed concern to relocate. ... These are but a few [fishermen supporting our cause]," he said.

Tebuteb, who chairs the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, also belittled the testimony of Benavente and Baldyga Group

special projects director Troy Williams during Tuesday's public hearing. Baldyga Group, which also operated SandCastle Saipan, owns Sea Touch.

"Former speaker Benavente and Mr. Troy Williams' words are just that, versus fishermen who actually choose to do this kind of lifestyle. Some of these concerned fishermen access this area by simply walking there, unlike the investor-lobbyists (\$65,000 per annum) and staff. Some are retirees of [Division of Fish and Wildlife] who have conducted studies and surveys of our waters. [They are] more than qualified, just like the experts mentioned last night."

Benavente, for his part, said he doesn't really understand

the motive of Tebuteb and his group. He said Williams and other experts already made it abundantly clear that moving the project to the waters off Hyatt is not viable and that the marine park will not have a major impact on marine life in the area.

Benavente, who like Tebuteb is a lifelong fisherman, added that the Fiesta Resort area is already commercialized, what with the jet ski, banana boat, and beach activity area already present in its vicinity.

"Fishermen who understand common sense should know that this is the ideal place for this kind of project," he told *Saipan Tribune* over the phone last night.

LAWMAKER

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"It's the opinion of the AG's Office that it's unconstitutional and since then there have been talks that someone from the Legislature should sign off on the certified question. So if nobody wants to do it from the Legislature, I'm willing to do it so we can finally file the certified question before the court," he told *Saipan Tribune* last night.

Deleon Guerrero said he brought the issue up during the House's last session because he received numerous calls asking why the Legislature is not acting on the certified question.

"I really want this over with and in the event Public Law 18-19 prevails, we owe people their money. The government already took their land from them and failed to compensate them. That's the priority there. I had discussions with [Department of Public Lands] and they told me they're just waiting on a member from the House of the Representatives to sign off on [the certified question]."

Deleon Guerrero is the fourth member of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation who have signified their willingness to sign off on the certified question.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan) have also volunteered, while SNILD chair Ramon Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) was the Inos administration's first choice before Tebuteb begged off and described it as "moot and pointless."

"If the AG comes to me tomorrow with a certified question, I'm willing to sign off

on its immediately. In fact I'm waiting for them now. Definitely I'm willing to move things forward and if the public law does not work, at least we know because it's been interpreted by the courts that it's not," added Deleon Guerrero.

He said the \$800,000 is only chump change compared to the actual amount the government owes landowners, some of whom have been waiting for decades to get their hands on the money that rightfully belongs to them.

"The government owes this people land compensation monies. It's only a drop in the bucket. Better some than nothing at all."

Under the \$800,000 land compensation payment local law, at least 223 Saipan landowners will get anywhere from 89 cents to over \$190,000, based on DPL data.

Besides those owed land compensation payments on Saipan, other intended beneficiaries of Saipan Local Law 18-19 are the NMI Museum of History and Culture and the Northern Marianas Descent Corp., which were supposed to get \$100,000 each by mid-October.

DPL, in an earlier statement, said OAG advised the department that making payments from the Managaha landing and user fees pursuant to SLL 18-19 "would be an unconstitutional act."

The department said the question revolves around whether the Managaha landing and user fees are revenues generated from the management and disposition of public lands, which DPL is constitutionally required to remit to the Marianas Public Land Trust, or whether the Legislature may appropriate such funds.

BALLOTS

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tion that the Commonwealth does not seek to stop U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona's order, the injunction they requested clearly seeks to stop Manglona's May 20, 2014, decision and order, Rayphand said.

Part of Manglona's decision permanently stops the Commonwealth from enforcing Article 18, Section 5(c), and from enforcing Public Law 17-40 and any CEC rules and regulations that would prevent or hinder Davis and other qualified voters who are not Northern Marianas descent from voting on Article 12 initiatives.

Article 18 Section 5(c) prohibits qualified voters who are not NMD from voting on Article 12 initiatives. Article 12 restricts the ownership of land in the CNMI to NMDs. Public Law 17-40 established the NMD Registry within the Commonwealth Election Com-

mission and mandated the production of an official NMD identification card.

Rayphand said that Manglona correctly determined that Article 18 Section 5 (c) of the CNMI Constitution and Public Law 17-40 violate the 15th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution by denying the right to vote on a Commonwealth constitutional amendment to persons who are not NMD.

If the injunction is granted, it is Davis and other U.S. citizens who are not NMD who will suffer irreparable harm in being denied the right to vote, Rayphand said.

In the event that House Legislative Initiative 18-1 is not approved, then there is no change and the Commonwealth incurs no extra expenses, she added. HLI 18-1 is a proposed amendment to Article 12.

If Initiative 18-1 is approved, then the Superior Court could stay all proceedings regarding claims under Initiative 18-1 pending resolution of the appeal, and again the Com-

monwealth need not incur the expenses of implementing Initiative 18-1 until the appeal is decided, she said.

Rayphand said the proposed sequestration of ballots not only deprives Davis and other U.S. citizens who are not NMD of the right to vote but will also result in a risk to the security of the ballots and increase the expenses of the Commonwealth in altering the counting mechanism and in subsequently counting the ballots by hand in the future after a Ninth Circuit decision.

Rayphand said the Commonwealth need not spend any resources while awaiting the decision of the Ninth Circuit, yet Davis and other U.S. citizens who are not NMD will continue to be denied the right to vote.

Rapyhand said there is no public interest in denying a U.S. citizen the right to vote.

"The right to vote is a fundamental right in the Commonwealth," she said.

The Office of the Attorney General filed a motion for se-

questration on behalf of CEC, chairperson Frances M. Sablan, executive director Robert A. Guerrero, and Inos.

Assistant attorney general Charles E. Brasington argued that tabulating and certifying the votes prior to the disposition of their appeal in the Ninth Circuit will set in motion actions that will be difficult to undo if the Ninth Circuit reverses the federal court's decision on who could vote on the Article 12 initiative.

The hearing on the motion will be on Oct. 29 at 2pm.

Davis, a registered voter in the NMI and a non-NMD, sued CEC and its officials in his desire to vote on any initiative to amend Article 12. Manglona ruled in favor of Davis.

In that landmark decision, Manglona ruled that qualified voters who are not NMD must have the opportunity to vote on Article 12 initiative or any other initiatives to amend Article 12.

The defendants appealed to the Ninth Circuit.

Two allegedly stole, forged checks of ex-AG San Nicolas

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Two persons were arrested on Tinian Tuesday for allegedly stealing and forging three checks in the total amount of \$1,050 belonging to former attorney general Joey Patrick San Nicolas.

Suspects Lahee M. Manglona, 20, and Francin R. Aldan, 32, allegedly used the money to buy drugs and play poker, according to court documents.

Manglona and Aldan were arrested for theft and forgery.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman imposed a bail of \$100 cash and \$4,900 unsecured bond each for Manglona and Aldan.

A police detective stated in his report that San Nicolas went to the Tinian Department of Public Safety's front desk on Monday to file a complaint.

San Nicolas, who is running for mayor of Tinian, stated that he received a call from Bank of Guam that three of his personal checks had inconsistent signatures and were cashed at the Lucky Qiang Store.

The former AG said he suspected Manglona and Aldan

were behind it because the two previously stole a blank check and forged his girlfriend's signature in the amount of \$100.

San Nicolas said in that previous case, Manglona and Aldan confessed to stealing and forging the check and apologized.

In the latest case, the former AG said the amount forged and cashed was over \$1,000.

Later that same Monday, the cashier at Lucky Qiang Store called Tinian DPS, requesting police assistance as her boss wanted to file a complaint.

Lin Castro, owner of Lucky Qiang Store, stated that he wanted to file a theft complaint against Manglona and Aldan for allegedly using and cashing three stolen checks belonging to San Nicolas.

Castro said the suspects assured him that the checks were okay and that they were given to them as payment for their services for yard cleaning and dumping.

The storeowner said they deposited the checks with Bank of Guam, which informed them that those checks

were reported stolen.

Castro disclosed that the first check was cashed on Oct. 17, 2014, in the amount of \$350, while the second in the amount of \$400 was on Oct. 18, and the third in the amount of \$300 on Monday.

Castro stated that he has surveillance footages of all three incidents in which the suspects used and cashed the stolen checks.

Manglona and Aldan were arrested Tuesday morning.

In an interview that day, Aldan allegedly confessed to police that Manglona stole the checks, filled them, and forged San Nicolas' signature.



San Nicolas

ing out the checks and forging San Nicolas' signature. He said when he received the checks from Aldan, they were already filled out and signed.

Manglona further denied any

involvement with the forged check belonging to San Nicolas' girlfriend. He pointed that it was Aldan who stole that check and later confessed and apologized to the girlfriend.

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Saipan included in Nissan recall of 2013 Altimas for hood latch glitch

DETROIT (AP)—Nissan is recalling more than 238,000 Altima midsize cars worldwide because a secondary latch can fail and allow the hoods to fly open while the cars are in motion.

Only Altimas from the 2013 model year are covered by the recall so far, but Nissan is investigating whether other models could be involved, according to documents posted Friday by U.S. safety regulators. It appears the problem is limited to Altimas, but Nissan is checking other latches with similar designs, spokesman Steve Yaeger said.

On the Altima, Nissan's top-selling vehicle in the U.S., debris and rust can combine with interference between the secondary latch lever and the hood, causing the latches to bind. That could keep them unlatched when the hood is closed. If the primary latch is inadvertently released, the hood could open while the

cars are being driven.

Nissan says dealers will modify the latch lever, as well as clean and lubricate the secondary latch joint. The latch assembly could be replaced. The company hasn't come up with a schedule to notify owners.

The problem was discovered when Nissan received reports of a small number of hoods coming open and damaging the cars. No injuries have been reported to Nissan, Yaeger said.

Just over 219,000 Altimas are affected in the U.S., with 10,049 in Canada, 5,267 in Mexico, 2,042 in South Korea and a small number in Latin America, Guam and Saipan, he said. The cars were made at Nissan's factories in Smyrna, Tennessee, and Canton, Mississippi.

As long as owners don't release the main hood latch and drive cars, there won't be any problem, Yaeger said.

Owners with questions can call Nissan at (800) 647-7261.

6 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged six Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are the DPW Channel Bridge, Fiesta Resort, Fiesta drainage, San Roque School, Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, and the Smiling Cove Marina.

Samples collected from

these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**

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**ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE ROUTE 30
(CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD), PHASE II, PROJECT NO. CM-NH-0030 (011), SAIPAN**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 30 (Chalan Pale Arnold Road), Phase II, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after October 16, 2014 at Department of Public works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Highway Section.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on November 5, 2014, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 12, 2014 to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-15-IFB-002"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time November 21, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time November 21, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 21, 2014 and must be received no later than December 3, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, December 4, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on November 21, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section **\$70-30-3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Ten (210) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-I of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP03

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

Harbor projects in the works

The Commonwealth Ports Authority's executive manager, Maryann Lizama, met with the U.S. Army Corps last week to discuss the rehabilitation of the Tinian harbor and modifications to the Rota Harbor.

Lizama described the first part of the project as "technical studies" where sites will be investigated and designs made for construction in later phases.

On Tinian, the project aims to have Tinian harbor become a safe haven for ships, as right now its breakwater is dilapidated, according to Lizama.

On Rota, modifications will be made to widen the channel and turning basin, as well enhance facilities there, she said.

A Rota facilities master plan was created in 1997, according to Lizama, but the present project will have to cater to water current and surges now.

More information on the project's latter phases is expected from the Army Corps by the end of this month, according to her.

A breakdown of the project would be presented to the CPA board at their next meeting.

As reported earlier, the Army Corps is working with CPA on these projects, estimated to cost around \$3 million, split between federal and local funds.

However, the CNMI's share of \$1.22 million for the Rota project will now the cost

\$989,000, and the local cost of the Tinian project at \$1.13 million is now \$891,500 due a change Delegate Gregorio

Kilili C. Sablan included in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act this year. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

Land cover project helps understand human impact on NMI environment

A land cover change project on Saipan that may help evaluate how human induced activities affect environmental and water quality was completed this year, according to the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific University of Guam.

Led by Yuming Wen, one of the main objectives of the project was to apply satellite imagery to drive land cover information to determine land cover change from the late 1970s to late 2000s, or more recent data depending on availability, according to WERI.

This would cover a period of about three decades.

Another objective is to georeference (to associate something with locations in physical space) or georectify the images (a number of corresponding control points, such as street intersections, are marked on both the image and the map), among other things, according to WERI.

Land cover information would be classified using satellites or aerial photographs.

The project helps determine


land cover changes, and provide land cover and land cover change detection data and maps.

According to WERI, with current technology it is possible to monitor land cover change and determine impacts of human activities on environment and ecosystems on island.


"Considering the global warming, sea level rise and human induced activities, many island nations or regions are facing serious problems with environmental sustainability, water resources and water quality," WERI stated.

It is important to determine land cover change and evaluate if human-induced activities affect environment and water quality, WERI said, adding that this would help mitigate the impacts of biophysical and human factors on the environment.

According to WERI, land cover changes and the impact of historical and recent land use on ground and water quality and production were identified as one of the highest research needs for Saipan at the CNMI Research Advisory Meeting of 2012. **(Dennis B. Chan)**



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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION
2015-CDA-001-RFQ

ADA Compliance and Retrofit of the CDA Building, Oleai

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed statement of qualification for the **ADA Compliance and Retrofit of the CDA Building, Oleai**, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with §70-30.3-305 of the regulation.

Prior to being awarded a contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Request for Proposal and Scope of Work is available on or after October 16, 2014 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan.

A **Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference** is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Commonwealth Development Authority Conference Room on October 31, 2014. Questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted in writing to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 2:30 p.m. local time November 07, 2014.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only sub-consultants may be included in multiple proposals by different primary consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Qualifications and Experience - 40 %**
2. **Organization and Capacity - 35 %**
3. **Response to Request For Qualification (RFQ) - 25 %**
4. **Fee Proposal**

Sealed proposals must be marked **"2015-CDA-001-RFQ"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, November 14, 2014 to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, November 14, 2014, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 14, 2014 and must be received no later than November 26, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFQ should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director, CDA

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

Ex-Swift Air staff testifies that Van Lier lied about 2 aircraft

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A former employee of Swift Air LLC testified in her deposition that Swift Air executive Boris Van Lier lied to Saipan Air Inc. about the status of two promised aircraft.

Another former staff of Swift Air also described in his deposition that their company's work on Saipan was a "dog and pony show."

Saipan Air subsequently learned that only \$176,000 of the initial \$900,000 that Saipan Air wire transferred was paid to International Lease Finance Corp. for the aircraft's deposit.

These were some of the information Saipan Air Inc. disclosed in its opposition to a motion for summary judgment filed by defendants Van Lier, Donald A. Stukes, and Jeffrey Conry.

According to court records, the three were employees, officers, or advisers of Swift Air, an Arizona corporation. Conry was chief executive officer, Van Lier was director of operations, and Stukes was chief restructuring officer and also an employee of ASI Advisors LLC.

Saipan Air has filed a \$50-million racketeering lawsuit against Van Lier, Stukes, and Conry for fraudulently inducing the company to transfer money and other assets to Swift Air.

In Saipan Air's opposition to the motion, attorney Steven Pixley disclosed that Laurie LeRoux, a six-year employee of Swift Air who was employed by Swift Air during the relevant time period, occupied a cubicle adjacent to the offices of Van Lier and Conry.

Pixley said LeRoux testified at her deposition that from her cubicle she overheard Van Lier speaking with Saipan Air's chief operating officer Adam Ferguson on numerous occasions.

Pixley said LeRoux testified that Van Lier lied to Ferguson about the status of the aircraft. For example, she stated that Van Lier lied when he told Ferguson that the two 757 aircraft were painted.

LeRoux also testified that Van Lier lied to Saipan Air about the availability of a 767 aircraft that had been promised to Saipan Air.

"At the time this airplane was promised to Saipan Air, it was under contract with EZ Jet and based at JFK Airport in New York," said Pixley, citing LeRoux's and Ferguson's declarations.

Pixley said LeRoux testified that "I knew in my heart of hearts that what was going on was not right."

Pixley said Shane Nail, a former employee at Swift Air in the maintenance department, testified in his deposition that he doubted whether Swift Air

intended to perform the Saipan Air program.

The lawyer said Nail testified that there was "no effort at all regarding maintenance."

Nail revealed that no maintenance manuals were prepared and that no parts were purchased for the 757 aircraft, which were to be used for the Saipan Air program.

Nail described Swift Air's work on Saipan as a "dog and pony show."

Pixley said Nail was also "extremely suspicious" of what he believed were kickbacks in the purchase of parts from a company in Miami, Florida, at exorbitant prices.

Pixley said Nail further testified that the 737DX, which was an integral part of Saipan Air's program, may have been physically present in Phoenix in January 2012 but it was not in Phoenix or available for use in the Saipan Air program during the relevant time period.

Van Lier gave a presentation on Saipan on Jan. 11, 2012, to Saipan Air executives regarding Swift Air's proposal to provide air services for Saipan Air.

Pixley said Jim Rogers, the owner of a 737-400 aircraft ("737DX") which was promised by the defendants for Saipan Air's program, told Conry and Van Lier that the aircraft could not be used in the Saipan Air program.

Pixley said Conry and Van Lier continued to represent to Saipan Air that this aircraft was available after May 15, 2012.

In addition, Pixley said, the defendants entered into a lease agreement with EZ Jet during the relevant time period for a 767 aircraft that was to be used by Saipan Air in its program.

Pixley said Van Lier and Conry falsely represented to Saipan Air that this airplane was available at the same time that they were attempting to obtain the \$1.5 million loan from Saipan Air.

Pixley said the defendants failed to inform Saipan Air that they did not make the required deposits to ILFC and it was not until on May 15, 2012, that Saipan Air learned that the aircraft deposit was not made.

He said Conry and Van Lier apologized to Saipan Air regarding their failure to make the requisite deposits.

Pixley said on May 23, 2012, Conry pleaded with Ferguson for additional money by representing that additional funding for the Swift Air operations were forthcoming and that they would be able to meet the July 1, 2012, launch date for the Saipan Air program.

Based upon these representations, Pixley said, an additional \$376,000 was sent to the defendants via wire transfer from Saipan.

As with the wire transfer, Pixley said that Nick Huska,

then-chief financial officer of Swift Air, does not know how these funds were used.

Pixley said that on May 31, 2012, Conry phoned Ferguson several times, stating that they urgently needed a "bridge loan" in the amount

» Another describes Swift Air's work on Saipan as 'dog and pony show'

of \$1.5 million in order to perform their agreement with Saipan Air. Pixley said Conry introduced Saipan Air to Stukes at this time. Stukes allegedly identified himself as a "financial advisor" affiliated with ASI advisors, but failed to disclose to Saipan Air that he was a minority owner of Swift Air.

Pixley said Stukes expressly

represented to Saipan Air that the defendants would be able to perform the Saipan Air program if the \$1.5 million was paid.

The lawyer said that, according to Stukes in his deposition, he "had no communication

whatsoever" with Swift Air between January 2012 and that it was Conry who was running the company.

Pixley said Nick Huska, however, in his deposition stated that Stukes was actively managing financial matters for Swift Air during the entire rel-

evant time period.

On Saipan Air's fraud claim, Pixley said there exists both direct and circumstantial evidence sufficient for a reasonable trier of facts to conclude that the defendants did not intend to perform their promises.

As for Stuke's role in the fraudulent scheme, Pixley said while the court at this stage of the proceedings does not normally weigh the credibility of witnesses, the only reasonable conclusion to be drawn from a review of the testimony of Husk vis a vis Stukes is that one of these witnesses committed perjury.

"This creates a genuine issue of fact as to Stuke's involvement in this fraudulent scheme," Pixley said.

On the unjust enrichment issue, Pixley pointed out that Conry and Van Lier were paid \$300,000 and \$240,000 to \$250,000 per annum respectively, which was very high given the fact that Swift Air only operated two airplanes during the relevant time period.

The lawyer said Stukes received \$295,000 from Swift Air in 2012.

On Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act issue, Pixley said a review of Saipan Air's evidence shows that there exists genuine issues of fact regarding the existence of an association-in-fact enterprise. He said Stukes and Conry have engaged in a pattern of fraudulent activities over the course of the past several years.

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Rota school celebrates Red Ribbon Week

As a way to promote better decision making, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja students on Rota joined other schools in Guam and the U.S. mainland, along with officers and staff from the Pacific Regional Training Institute's Child, Youth, and School Services, in celebrating this year's Red Ribbon Week activities scheduled for Oct. 21 to 31, 2014.

The Red Ribbon campaign was started over 20 years ago when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent.

Camerena's family, friends, and neighbors began wearing red ribbons to show their support and let everyone know they would continue his fight against illegal drugs and keep children safe.

According to school board president and PRTI regional director Capt. Edward Maratita Jr., "The campaign is a week-long effort in which everyone at school and work get to show



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Second-grade student Titus Hugh Hocog and first-grade student Edward Maratita II show their support for Red Ribbon Week.

their support of being drug free by wearing a red ribbon that is used as a symbol of support to stay off drugs."

Maratita encourages the Luta community to wear red ribbons during the week to promote substance abuse awareness, and find new and innovative ways to keep children drug free.

"The campaigns have been effective and students are made aware of how trying drugs can have severe conse-

quences," said Maratita.

At ESFDB, the week is held not only as a way to promote the drug-free lifestyle but also to encourage students to make better choices in all aspects of their lives.

"I am a strong advocate of a drug free lifestyle. Red Ribbon Week is an opportunity to focus on drug prevention and education, as well as to making a personal commitment to live healthy and drug free lives," said administrator-principal Carmen H. Atalig. "Although there isn't a small or huge drug problem in the school, but it's something to keep an eye on."

"Red Ribbon Week is another way to remind us of how important it is to make healthy choices," said this year's Red Ribbon Week student leader, Tyra Reese A. Calvo, 8th grade.

"We want our fellow students to always take time to think about any decisions regarding their health or making healthy choices. Red Ribbon Week is also about never letting anyone



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja administrator-principal Carmen H. Atalig poses with junior high students during the kickoff of Red Ribbon Week. The students were excited to pin a red ribbon on their school's beloved leader as a promise to stay drug free.

pressure you into doing something that isn't healthy or safe," added Calvo.

"It's better to stay healthy and play basketball than to take illegal drugs. Illegal drugs are bad for your body," said 8th grade student Joshua James Puerto.

PRTI regional commander Col. Jon Takamura said she's glad that ESFDB students from Rota are celebrating Red Ribbon Week. "This is the ninth year ESFDB students have taken part in this nationwide drug prevention campaign. This annual awareness campaign features a variety of school and community-based programs, activities and events."

The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young peo-



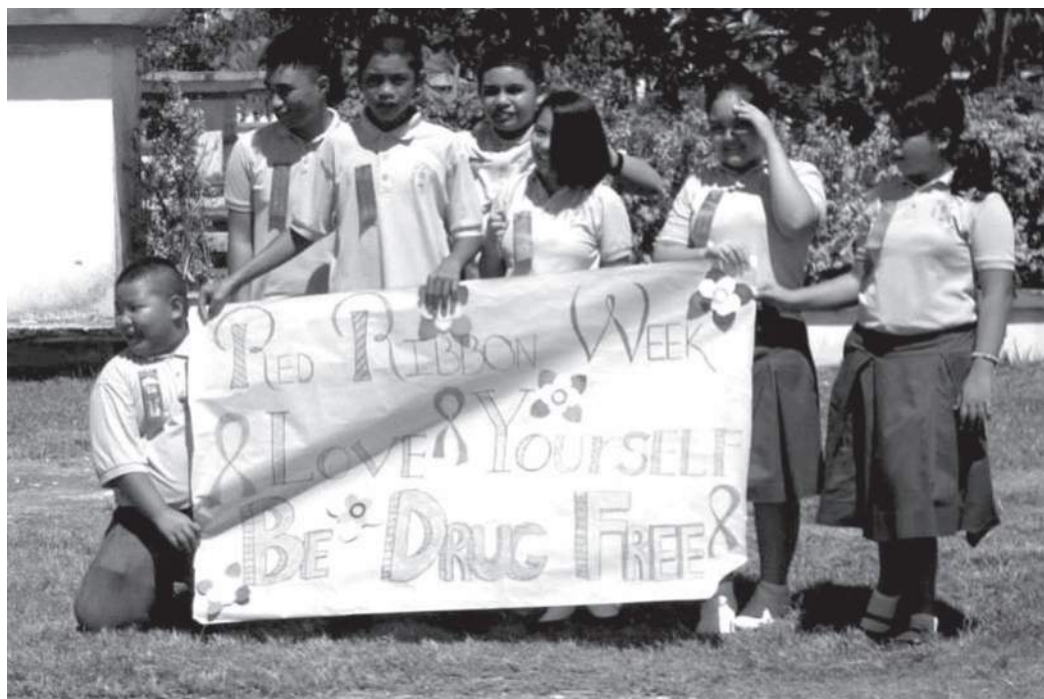
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Third-grade students show their excitement during the kickoff of Red Ribbon Week.

ple during Red Ribbon Week on the last week of October.

Aside from Red Ribbon Week, Bully Prevention Month is also celebrated during the month.

The students would like to

express their appreciation to the schools administration, faculty and staff, board of directors, parents, and the Pacific Regional Training Institute's Child, Youth, and School Services (Guam/Hawaii). (ESFDB)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Even on a hot day, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja students showed their school spirit by displaying their banner in support of Red Ribbon Week.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 23, 2011

Admin promises to settle \$3M unremitted allotments to PSS

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos acknowledged on Thursday that the central government has an outstanding debt of over \$3 million to the Public School System, representing unremitted allotments for its personnel cost in fiscal year 2011. From an original appropriation of \$32 million for PSS last fiscal year, the amount was reduced to \$28 million after an across-the-board budget reduction. PSS finance director Richard Waldo said that of the reduced budget, only \$25 million was actually received by PSS—short of

\$3 million. He described the amount as "rollover" funds that should be added to this fiscal year's budget.

Chamber says it opposes medical marijuana bill

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is opposing a bill seeking to legalize marijuana for medicinal purpose. "Marijuana is against the law in the CNMI, and SCC believes it should stay that way," Chamber president Douglas Brennan said in an Oct. 18 letter to Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan). Iguel, chair of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, is seeking comments on Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan) House Bill

17-213 which seeks to legalize for medicinal use. But Brennan said the bill's title which says "and for other purposes" causes the greatest concern for the Chamber.

October 23, 2006

Motorist killed in car accident

A motorist was killed after a van he was driving slammed into a telephone pole and a fire hydrant on Beach Road, Garapan, Sunday morning. The victim, a 30-year-old Korean, was pronounced dead by a doctor at the Commonwealth Health Center at 8:35am on the same day, according to the Department of Public Safety yesterday. DPS acting spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said the possible cause of death is of natural causes. Blas said traffic investigators ruled out alcohol and speed as factors in the crash. Blas said the prelimi-

nary investigation showed that the man, driving a white 2000 Chevrolet Express passenger van, was traveling south along Beach Road. The van inexplicably encroached into the northbound lanes, struck a telephone pole then slammed onto a fire hydrant in front of Canton Restaurant.

Accord OKs DoCoMo deal

The U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have signed an agreement with Guam Cellular and Paging Inc. and DoCoMo Guam Holdings Inc. to address national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues that were earlier raised in connection with the DoCoMo deal. Following the agreement, the DOJ, FBI, and DHS have informed the Washington D.C.-based Federal Communications Commission that they have

no objection to FCC granting NTT DoCoMo's application to purchase Guam Cellular and Paging Inc. and Guam Wireless Telephone Co. LLC, provided that FCC conditions its consent on DoCoMo's compliance with the commitments set forth in their agreement.

October 23, 2009

Man sues hardware for dog's vicious attack

A man has filed a lawsuit over the injuries he suffered when a dog allegedly attacked him as he was buying tires at a hardware on Tinian. Alfred Dela Cruz sued the Saipan Triple Star Recycling Inc., owner of Tinian Triple Star Hardware, and the hardware's employee, Shun Li, also known as Kevin Li, for negligence and violation of the Municipal Dog Control Regulations. Dela Cruz, through lawyer Ramon Quichocho, asked the Superior Court to order the

defendants to pay him damages, attorney's fees, and court costs. Quichocho stated in the complaint that the defendants allowed the dog to roam at large on its own and otherwise failed to restrain and control the dog.

MVA targets Guam military, civilians at fair

With the tens of thousands additional people expected to move to Guam as part of the developing military build-up in the region, the Marianas Visitors Authority continues to build on its marketing presence on the neighboring island. To build on the 18,000 visitors from Guam who visited Saipan, Tinian, or Rota last fiscal year, the MVA recently participated in an all day Anderson Annual Travel Fair and information forum held Oct. 15 at Anderson Air Force Base on Guam. Held at the on-base shopping mall, the showcase drew large crowds of interested travelers.

IOM receives \$750,000 from the US government

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—The U.S. government has awarded the International Organization for Migration (IOM) \$750,000 to fund for 24 months its program "Combating Trafficking in Persons in Micronesia through the Establishment of Protection Framework for Victims of Trafficking". Serving the Marshall Island, Palau, and the FSM, this program will enhance victim protection and train investigators and prosecutors of trafficking in persons (TIP) cases. Further, IOM will conduct awareness training for sectors of society in the three countries. They will also establish a national referral system for the protection of victims of trafficking through partnerships with national and state authorities.

The 2014 TIP Report for the three Freely Associate States recommended increasing and improving efforts to investigate, prosecute, and punish

traffickers; identifying, referring, and providing victims with protective services; and raising awareness of the trafficking issue. IOM's project comes as a direct response.

The U.S. government is a strong advocate for ending Trafficking in Persons. As U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry said, "We each have a responsibility to make this horrific and all-too-common crime a lot less common. And our work with victims is the key that will open the door to real change—not just on behalf of the more than 44,000 survivors who have been identified in the past year, but also for the more than 20 million victims of trafficking who have not."

As part of its efforts, the U.S. government provides an annual TIP report to assist governments around the world with identifying and helping people to avoid becoming victims of trafficking.

The TIP report places countries into one of four tiers as defined by The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000. Placement within each tier is based more on the extent of government action to combat trafficking in persons than on the size of the problem within the country. In 2014, the Federated States of Micronesia was designated a Tier 2 TIP country.

The definition for each of the tier levels is provided below:

■ **Tier 1:** Countries whose governments fully comply with the TVPAs minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking.

■ **Tier 2:** Countries whose governments do not fully comply with the TVPAs minimum standards, but are making significant efforts to bring themselves into compliance with those standards.

■ **Tier 2 Watch List:** Countries whose governments do not fully comply with the TVPAs

minimum standards, but are making significant efforts to bring themselves into compliance with those standards, and for which:

a) the absolute number of victims of severe forms of trafficking is very significant or is significantly increasing;

b) there is a failure to provide evidence of increasing efforts to combat severe forms of trafficking in persons from the previous year, including increased investigations, prosecution, and convictions of trafficking crimes, increased assistance to victims, and decreasing evidence of complicity in severe forms of trafficking by government officials; or

c) the determination that a country is making significant efforts to bring itself into compliance with minimum standards was based on commitments by the country to take additional steps over the next year.

■ **Tier 3:** Countries whose governments do not fully comply with the TVPAs minimum

standards and are not making significant efforts to do so. (*U.S. Embassy Kolonia*)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

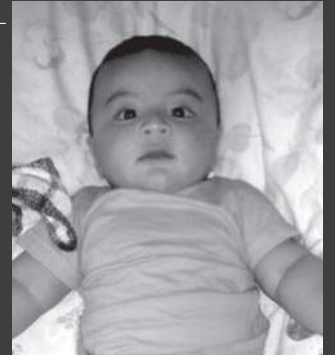
Happy 4th birthday to my baby girl, Genicia Mae Tyquiengco Agulto! You should have four of the world's brightest candles to blow out, because you've made the world a much brighter place to live for four whole years. You've been a blessing in my life and everyone else's. I love you so much. Greetings coming from Mommy and the family.

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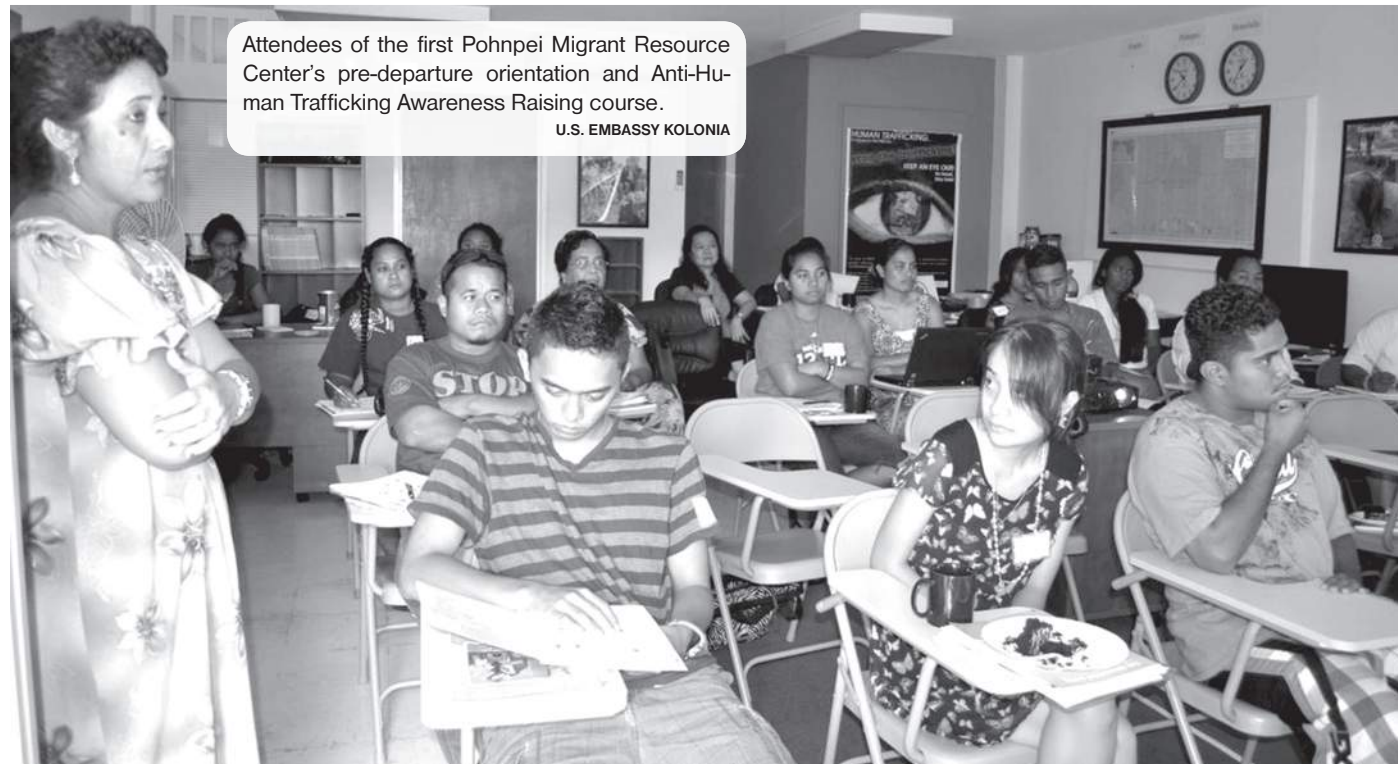
Happy, happy birthday William Iglesias Macaranas! Dad, you are our hero, our role model, the man we look up to and dream to become. Happy birthday, Dad! Thank you for everything. We love you! Greetings come from your children.

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Happy first birthday to Zeph Rootz L. Camacho and many blessings for you! We love you dearly! Greetings come from your parents and brothers Kevin, Stone, and Blaze.

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Attendees of the first Pohnpei Migrant Resource Center's pre-departure orientation and Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Raising course.

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Procurement And Supply CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP15-OPA-002

SUBMISSION DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"FINANCIAL AUDITS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND (NMIRF) AND GROUP HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TRUST FUND (GHLITF), AS COMPONENT UNITS OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014"

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/S/ MICHAEL PAI, CPA
Public Auditor

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

Notice Of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, October 30th, 2014 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of September 18th, 2014 minutes
5. Public Comments (*not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings*)

B. Public Hearings

1. Conditional Use Application #2014-3443: Dongbei S. Inc. dba Diamond Water is proposing to occupy an existing warehouse facility on Lot 1877-3-1-R1 in Gualo Rai for water bottling operation. This use is classified as "Manufacturing and Processing" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is the former location of Elite Printing, southeast of Marpac, and is zoned as Village Commercial.
2. Conditional Use Application #2014-3151: HPIL Limited dba (Honest Profit) is proposing to construct and operate a hotel and villa resort complex with 300 rooms and other hotel amenities including restaurants, duty free shop, commercial/ retail space, health & fitness club, private clinic, sports facilities, bars, and banquet rooms on Public Land lot# 004 I 52. This use is classified as "Hotel" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located near the San Antonio Elementary School in San Antonio, and is zoned as Tourist Resort.

C. Communications/ Reports

D. Old Business.

1. None

E. New Business

1. Office Operations Report

F. Executive (Closed) Session.

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogunoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for
Diamond Water Company

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EDITORIAL

Choice on the way for TV viewers?

The following editorial appeared in the Charlotte Observer on Monday, Oct. 20:

If you've ever grumbled about paying for all those cable or satellite channels when you only watch a handful, last week brought good and potentially big news. Television networks HBO and CBS separately announced that they plan to offer an online version of their products that would be available to consumers even if they didn't subscribe to cable or satellite.

CBS and other major networks already offer such a product, of course. It's the over-the-air signal that's free to anyone who can capture it with a TV antenna. But for those consumers who want more than the Big 4 networks, the announcements signal a potential seismic shift in how we watch and pay for our TV.

Until now, if you wanted to watch non-OTA networks, you had to purchase them along with dozens to hundreds of other channels as part of that cable or satellite subscription. If you only wanted HBO, ESPN and a few others, too bad. It was all or nothing.

TV providers and networks liked it this way because the subscription bundle approach made them gobs of money. They didn't want to cannibalize their sales by offering a new product that would cause consumers to cancel the cable subscriptions that produced all that revenue.

So why are at least two networks changing their mind? It's not an act of Congress—although lawmakers did occasionally grumble (perhaps after opening their own bills) about the cable/satellite subscription model.

What happened was technology and the free market. Specifically, Netflix. The video rental company capitalized on the availability of faster Internet download speeds to sell access to thousands of movies and television shows shortly after they appeared in theaters and on networks. Netflix offered some successful original programming, too.

Most importantly, Netflix also made gobs of money doing it. That's apparently either given networks the courage to dabble in the online model, or fear that they might be left behind as TV viewing habits continue to change.

HBO has yet to offer a subscription price for its network, and there's no word yet if other networks will follow. (Hello, ESPN?) But choice seems to be on the way for consumers, who've convinced at least a couple networks to try giving them what they want, without a lot of what they don't.

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Who can afford kids?

By ADAM SCHICKEDANZ and NEAL HALFON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Parenthood should be affordable in this country, but the cost of raising a child from birth to adulthood is now a quarter of a million dollars and projected to double by the time today's toddlers reach their teens. Will having kids soon be out of reach economically for many American families?

A recent report from the Center for American Progress found that middle-class families are feeling an unprecedented economic squeeze—caught between stagnating wages and the exploding cost of basics like housing, health care and children's education. Most families, it seems, are getting by on less and living closer to the financial edge to help their kids grow up healthy and get ahead.

The most striking growth in costs to families has been in child care, where expenses have climbed about \$200 annually in each of the last dozen years, with nearly tenfold growth since the 1960s. Child care, on average, consumes \$1 of every \$5 in a family's budget and exceeds the typical rent in every state.

In terms of their kids' health, families increasingly have to choose between treating their children's medical needs and paying household bills. Despite gains in the percentage of children with health insurance, per capita medical spending on kids has quietly ballooned faster than for any other age group, with families paying more for premiums and steeper out-of-pocket expenses.

For evidence to suggest that middle-class parents might already be getting priced out of parenthood, look to the national birthrate. It fell sharply in the recession but, unlike in previous economic rebounds, has continued to drop. This makes sense in financial context, given that most families haven't seen their incomes grow since the recovery began and the median net worth of households has actually fallen below what it was 15 years ago. Most families today don't have enough saved to meet basic needs for three months, let alone save for college or retirement.

For folks in the middle class, the economic calculus of raising kids must be daunting. Not only are the costs unaffordable, but parents also face a harsh ultimatum: "Keep up with the Gateses" or risk your children's health, achievement and long-term well-being.

Higher-income families spend six times more than working-class families on child care and educational resources, such as high-quality day care, summer camps, computers and private

schools, which are increasingly indispensable investments in long-term success. This spending inequity has tripled over the last four decades and is only accelerating, which is likely to widen the achievement gap, creating a vicious cycle.

The public education infrastructure, designed generations ago to drive a strong economy and give every child an equal footing for success, is crumbling from neglect—stuck between those who argue for repair and those who argue for redesign. As a consequence, it is unable to prepare most kids for the new economy. The statistics are grim: Two-thirds of preschoolers don't have access to high-quality child care, two-thirds of public school students fail to meet math and language proficiency by eighth grade, and two-thirds of public high schoolers aren't ready for college when they graduate.

To solve these problems we have increasingly relied on a public safety net designed to catch what used to be a small number of kids falling through the cracks. But over the last 50 years those cracks have become chasms. When funding constraints force programs such as Early Head Start to enroll just 4 percent of eligible children needing early intervention and half of pediatricians opt out of accepting kids on Medicaid, these are clear signs that it's time to rethink our approach.

These economic realities are contributing to a swift loss of academic opportunity, health prospects and upward mobility among children whose parents cannot afford to spend top dollar. With this de facto economic segregation of opportunity leaving working families in the economic dust, we are risking the prosperity and social mobility of our kids for years to come.

We should be reinvesting in working families and modernizing our public infrastructure. Not only would this make parenthood more feasible, it also makes good economic sense. We know that investing early in kids yields considerable savings by reducing chronic health problems, building stable families and increasing earning potential.

The opportunity to raise healthy, smart and successful kids shouldn't be an economic luxury. It's time we made parenthood affordable again by investing more in kids and families. Given that what's at stake is the success of our country, the alternative is unaffordable.

Adam Schickedanz, a pediatrician, is a clinical scholar and researcher in the departments of pediatrics and general internal medicine and health services research at UCLA. Neal Halfon, a pediatrician, is director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities. They wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

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‘Hita Ni Tautau’

Gi alacha ta sedi man-sabian i hegsu I Deni` na siha u inina yan dispone asuntunto-ta siha. Pa`gu na eleksion, klaru na todus man-malagu` chumule` tatte ennau na direchu ya hita ni tautau ta dispone futtuna-ta. Mampos chatsaga linala` mayotmente punta pot punta guine. Ni unu mirese sasalaguan na modun linala`.

Namatman na sen taya` yine`ase` gi tautau siha gi seifsoñg. Puru kaprechon betsan niha finenina ke adelantun kualidat linala` i publiku. Inipos este na insuttu gi tautau siha. Muñga mana` chagu`. Atan pagamientomu` sino monedat familia ya ennau` nai un` giha disision na biahe. Mattu oran tinilaika ya sumen presisu na este na diniseha u fattu gine kada unu.

Atan sueddomu ni gatdun pot 20 años na tiempu. Atan kumahulu` todus deste kandet, hinemlu`, yan balen nesessidat familia. Estague` na puntu i ma-upus ni man-sabian I Deni`. Hita ni tautau siña muna` para este na diskuidu. Tana` fagpu` na Noviembre dia 4.

Aidentifikasion Kuttura

Sige i achagu` na diniskute pot hafa aidentifikasion kutturán natibu. Pot tatnai ta oppe klaru este na kuestion mina` kulan hit i paya`ya` pot mas ke kiñientos años na tiempu.

Buente pot 400 años ni man-madispone hit ni Españot, Haliman, Japones yan pa`gu Amerikanu na sige hit ha` man-gupu sin direksion gi guinaifen mañglu. Gi mismu tiempu todus chumage kumepunu` liñguahita lau ni unu felis. Diberas na insuttu i para tafan mafa` naufragu lau hita i dichu dueñun este siha na islas.

Hafa kuttura yan tradision? Kau gaige este gi estorian Taga` yan haligen achu`? Relasion natibu gi tanu` yan tasi? Modun tinilaika siha gi lina`la` natibu? Haf` `nau na modu? Liñguahe? Sunidu yan baila? Fandañgu? Antigu na haladun guaka? Sombra petmanente tat kumu troñkun niyog yan lemai?

Gi mismu tiempu dañkulu matulaikaña i hagas tautau guine. Esta megai tautau hiyoñg` nai gi mismu tiempu mesklau i tautau deste linguahe, rasa yan kuttura. Kau para ta petsige hafa tradision natibu pat tana` fan dañu yan kutturán otu?

Mauleg in` atetuye este na asunto siha sa` gai mutmorsion i ta fafana`. Bes enkuandu puede u guaha antau na inatuñgu` pot para ta ke pula` haf` aidentifikasion kutturán natibu. Mientras mas este chadeg ta komple mas lokue` libianu ta fanague famaguon pot haf` tinatten niha gi hilu` un` fitme na pisu. Ginen este na animu` nai siña

ta pega famaguonta gi kabales na espiritun niha kumu famaguon natibu guine gi O`Perlas iya Pasifiku.

Ni unu ta displanta

`Nos kuantos besis hu repasa estorian este siha na islas pot para bai` li`e kau haye i natibu ha displanta deste antigu na komunida guine. Taya` sineda`hu fuera ke madisplantan natibu ni gobietnon ginen hiyuñg lau hita i man-dueñun tanu`. Dios mihu!

Magahet na guaha chinatsagan hinalom mesinariun Españot kontra man-ma`gas Chamorro pot kinembetten relihion. Dispues kumayada ya sige i natibu umeyag linala` kilisyanu. Ginen este na pisu na gumuaha nuebu na areglu pot haye siña man-gai tanu.

Adumididi` sige man-eyag i natibu areglon komunida estake guaha ma-apunta gobietnon Chamorro. Sige mona mas kapas i natibu gi pinetsigen hafa` mauleg para i tautau siha gi komunida. Tina-ka` tiempu este siha na areglu lau enfin ta tutuhon umuma achon nina`en mañainata gi disposision linala` todus.

Deste Tutuhon Tautau

Deste ke mafañagu i natibu, dos asunto ha fagcha`e: dikiki` tanu` yan dañkulun tasi. Este i dos rikesan iya Marianas` nai luma`la` i natibu.

I mañainata, deste antigu na tiempu, i tanu` `nai maprebeniye nesessidat mantension familia ginen fangualu`an. Ginen este na fiñkas`nai man-maprebeniye lokue` famaguon pidason tanu` gi inestablesen nuebu na familia. Kustumbren tanu` i para u hatsa fanliheñg familia i lahe antes de u akamu`.

I tasi sumetbe dañkulu gi mantension familia yan membron komunida. I galaide` sakman ni dañkulu manasesetbe pumeskan chagu` yan taduñg na tasi mas ke 500 miyas huyuñg. Mañugu` Mañagaha mana gasgas kineni` man-dañkulu siha na guihan antes de u tulus siha halom gi tanu`. Gi todus atmos banda, tanu` yan tasi, hagas dueñu i natibu ginen tradision usun tanu` yan tasi. Hu guadog pot asuntun tasi gi antigu na tiempu. Estague` pisun dueñun tasi gi orian iya Marianas.

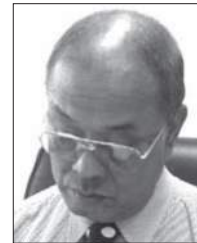
Minan Tasi

Fuera de man-dañkulu siha na guihan ni lagse` gi metkao iya Japon, Taiwan yan otu nasion giya Asia, gai mina tasin iya Marianas gi man-guaguan.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



Puede ginen mauleg na inatuñgu` yan federat u fan mirese Marianas ayudun salape` gi haf` siha na mina para u fan makusecha gi ge`fena.

Gaige futtunan ekonomian i tanu` gi minan papa` tasi. I offisiat iya Marianas debi u ekuñgog haf` siha man-masusesede pot este na asunto para mona. I man-dañkulu na kompanian man-dulog minan papa` tasi siempre u fan halom man-mamaisen petmissu man-bisnis guine minan fondun tasi.

Gi hayen Marianas, miyas pot miyas gi tasi-ta na “yellow fin” lumalauya hulu` yan papa` Japon. Estague` otu mina siña ta negosiu yan Japon makusechan este na guihan. Mauleg ta tutuhon kumayon inatuñgu` yan propiu ahensian federat taimanu`nai siña u guaha ayudu ginen siha gi este ns interes.

Relasion yan federat

Mauleg u guaha kinemprende gi halom natibu na i inakonfotman Covenant yan federat petmanente na areglu. I para takayon antau na relasion yan federat gaige ennau giya hita.

Debi ta tutuhon kumomprende hafa sustansian para ta gobietnan maisa hit. Muñga na kada ta fagcha`e problema ta sogne i federat. Hita timoneru ni goibetno-ta deste 1978.

Hita man-mamatinas disposision siha gi asunto-ta deste 36 años malofan. Taya` kumayon estao iya Marianas pa`gu soluke hita mismu.

Poresu na presisu ta tutuhon kumomprende hafa signifikasion operasion gobietnu. Este na obligasion hita ni manman-apapase kontribusion tax muna` posisibile. Estague` na puntu`nai kada unu debi u kuestiona taimanu`nai manasesetbe nina halomña kontribusion tax. Kumu ta komprende este na puntu ya fuetsau ta choneg mas man-fitme siha na disposision, siempre u libianu mas hinanau-ta.

We could use a man like Herbert Hoover again—really

Republicans and Democrats resemble one another too closely for voter comfort these days. Whatever their own political leanings, voters would prefer more diversity in the policy spectrum.

Consider the question of whether the federal government should increase spending. Politicians' answers come in a broad range: “yes” or “yes, a lot.” Even candidates who talk about cuts are really only speaking about reductions in increases. In fact, politicians don't believe they really can make cuts. No modern president has, or at least no president who took office in peacetime. Not Bill Clinton, who told the nation the welfare era was over. Not even Ronald Reagan, the great free-market president of the postwar era. Budget cutters, the assumption runs, can't get elected. Federal austerity, the politicians often warn, might hurt the economy anyhow. Presidents just can't say “no.”

But there have been peacetime presidents who said “no.” Two were presidents we scarcely hear about anymore, Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge. The 29th president died amid scandal in 1923 _ but not before cutting the federal budget. Coolidge then served 5 { years, to 1929, a period when the population and the economy grew. Yet when Coolidge left the White House and returned to his hometown of Northampton, Mass., the federal budget was actually lower than when he came in.

How Harding and Coolidge managed to say “no” is a good story and one that couldn't have happened without the contribution of the nation's greatest banker, Andrew Mellon.

The story starts in 1920, and in a fiscal landscape that would seem familiar. As today, the federal debt loomed over the future. Yet tax rates, ranging into the 70s, could hardly be pushed higher. The government had expanded, but various groups were pressing for greater federal spending. World War I veterans did not all find jobs, and many were disabled _ they sought a pension, or bonus. With commodity prices bouncing up and down, farmers demanded some kind of subsidy stream as well. The presidents lacked control or even oversight of the budget: Congress called the shots. Yet Harding, an ebullient senator from Ohio, and Coolidge, a quiet governor from Massachusetts, ran and won on a ticket of “no.” They would say “no” to both high

taxes and government expansion.

Harding did some of the first hard work of cutting. He shepherded through the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, which unified the budget process under the president and gave the White House the power to impound and sequester. Harding also cut the budget and vetoed both veteran pensions and farm subsidies. Harding appointed Mellon treasury secretary, and Mellon adroitly rescheduled the debt; Harding and Mellon also passed a round of tax cuts. Harding was not a “naysayer” by temperament. He disliked using the veto on his old Senate colleagues. He also appointed friends, rather than professionals, to key posts. Their corruption tainted his reforms and aborted them.

Few reckoned that Coolidge could continue or complete what Harding had started. Voters figured Coolidge was a lame duck, “the accident of an accident.” The real Republican candidate would emerge in 1924. Coolidge's colleagues in Washington didn't expect much either: “Coolidge had little about him that was regal,” recalled George Wharton Pepper, a senator from Pennsylvania.

Still, Coolidge pushed forward where Harding had hesitated. He and Mellon sought and got several more rounds of tax cuts, bringing the top marginal income tax rate down to 25 percent, a level even lower than Reagan's. In his years observing railroads, Mellon had noted that when you cut the toll for a rail line, you might get more business. An owner charged, as Mellon put it, “what the traffic will bear.” Mellon thought the same principle might apply to tax rates. Perhaps lower rates would permit more business activity and therefore bring higher revenues. Today we call this philosophy “supply-side economics.”

Coolidge was not as enthusiastic. His own thrifty temperament led him to obsess about the budget. In fact the president kept twin lion cubs, which the White House named “Tax Reduction” and “Budget Bureau.” The point was that the lions were twins: Fed on steak, they weighed the same. To match Mellon's tax cuts, Coolidge kept up with budgets. He also vowed to prevent future spending. “It is much more important to kill bad bills than to pass good ones,” Coolidge had written his father years before. As president, Coolidge “killed” 60 laws by veto, compared with

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Harding's record of six.

The result of Mellon's partnership with Harding and Coolidge pleased most Americans. Government became smaller; the number of strikes fell. Mellon had won his bet: Revenues for the government actually increased from 1924, even though tax rates were lower. The team lowered the debt by a third. Working-class families became middle-class when they found they were able to acquire new comforts such as Model Ts and Model As, electricity, and indoor plumbing. The 1920s were not the fragile illusion depicted in, say, “The Great Gatsby.” Voters knew it and rewarded the pro-austerity Coolidge in 1924 with a resounding victory.


Under Herbert Hoover, policy shifted, with the White House becoming active. This shift, indeed the whole story, is little known, in part because people blame the Great Depression of the 1930s on the 1920s. But that is misplaced. As I noted in “The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression,” the economic crash had multiple causes. Few had much to do with policies from 1920 to 1928.

Knowing about the Harding-Coolidge-Mellon record doesn't assure us that voters will elect to the White House a candidate who says “no.” Knowledge of that forgotten record merely broadens the range of options politicians can feel comfortable offering to voters today. That is, such knowledge makes a candidate who says “no” possible. And asked whether a wider range of policy choices represents an improvement, even those who oppose such policies will probably want to answer “yes.”

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly sunny with isolated showers.
East winds 5 to 10 mph.

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FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds around 10 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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SUNDAY



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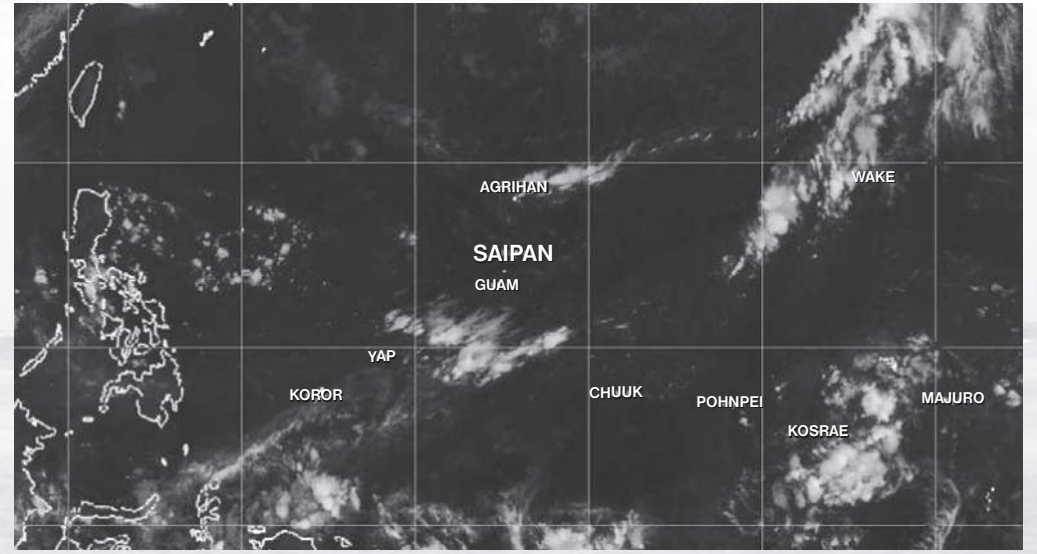
MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough enters the discussion area near 11N130E and stretches eastward to 8N138E through a circulation south of Guam near 12N146E to 14N155E. Low-level convergence along and south of the trough is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Palau and Yap between 5N and 10N from 130E to 148E and between 11N and 15N from 130E to 132E. A cold front enters the discussion area near 25N172E and extends southwest to 20N160E and continues as a shear line across the Marianas to 15N140E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms can be found along and up to 100 miles north of the boundary. Low-level convergence south of the front is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Wake Island between 17N and 19N from 160E to 169E. A weak circulation is located west of Kosrae near 6N161E. A surface trough extends northeast from the circulation to 12N166E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located south of Pohnpei between the equator and 3N from 155E to 159E and over Pohnpei between 3N and 9N from 157E to 161E and northwest of Kwajalein between 10 and 14N from 163E to 167E. A surface trough stretches across the Marshall islands from 1N173E to 8N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located south of Majuro between the equator and 6N from 170E to 177E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

| Micronesia | | | |
|---------------|---------------|------|------|
| Guam And Rota | Thunderstorms | ▲ 85 | ▼ 76 |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | ▲ 83 | ▼ 78 |
| Yap | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 83 | ▼ 79 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲ 85 | ▼ 79 |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | ▲ 85 | ▼ 78 |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | ▲ 85 | ▼ 78 |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | ▲ 85 | ▼ 81 |

| Around the Globe | | | |
|------------------|----------------|------|------|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲ 65 | ▼ 55 |
| Beijing | Sunny | ▲ 69 | ▼ 46 |
| Hong Kong | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 81 | ▼ 74 |
| Honolulu | Showers | ▲ 84 | ▼ 75 |
| London | Cloudy | ▲ 62 | ▼ 56 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 84 | ▼ 62 |
| Manila | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 88 | ▼ 74 |
| Melbourne | Showers | ▲ 69 | ▼ 54 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲ 82 | ▼ 73 |
| New York | Showers | ▲ 58 | ▼ 51 |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 66 | ▼ 54 |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 60 | ▼ 51 |
| Pusan | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 67 | ▼ 53 |
| Rome | Mostly Sunny | ▲ 69 | ▼ 51 |
| Salem | Rain | ▲ 59 | ▼ 54 |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | ▲ 68 | ▼ 58 |
| Seoul | Sunny | ▲ 66 | ▼ 45 |
| Tokyo | Rain | ▲ 59 | ▼ 51 |
| Washington, DC | Showers | ▲ 61 | ▼ 49 |

| Tides | | | |
|---------------|-------|------------|----------|
| Saipan Harbor | | | |
| 2:12 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.2 Feet |
| 8:23 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 2:21 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.7 Feet |
| 7:56 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |

| Sunrise/Sunset | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Today | 6:10 AM | 6:52 PM |
| Friday | 6:11 AM | 6:51 PM |
| Saturday | 6:11 AM | 6:51 PM |
| Sunday | 6:11 AM | 6:51 PM |
| Monday | 6:11 AM | 6:50 PM |

| Moonrise/Moonset | | |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Today | 5:21 PM | 5:25 AM |
| Friday | 6:11 PM | 6:09 AM |
| Saturday | 7:04 PM | 6:55 AM |
| Sunday | 7:58 PM | 7:44 AM |
| Monday | 8:53 PM | 8:37 AM |

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| FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2014 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|--|--|------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|--|--|
| DEPARTURES | | | | | | ARRIVALS | | | | | |
| SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) | | | | | | GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN | | | | | |
| UA5070 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily | | | UA5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily | | |
| UA5068 | 8:00am | 8:50am | 3 | | | UA5071 | 6:40am | 7:30am | 3 | | |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 | | | UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 | | |
| UA5039 | 2:30pm | 4:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota | | | UA5039 | 1:10pm | 2:00pm | 6, 7 | | |
| UA5078 | 3:20pm | 4:10pm | 1, 5 | | | UA5038 | 1:10pm | 2:50pm | 2, 4 via Rota | | |
| UA5038 | 3:20pm | 4:10pm | 2, 4 | | | UA5077 | 2:00pm | 2:50pm | 1, 5 | | |
| UA5040 | 7:05pm | 7:55pm | 1, 5 | | | UA5041 | 5:45pm | 6:35pm | 1, 5 | | |
| UA5078 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 | | | UA5077 | 7:15pm | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 | | |
| UA5044 | 10:50pm | 11:40pm | 1, 5 | | | UA5043 | 9:30pm | 10:20pm | 1, 5 | | |
| SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP) | | | | | | GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP) | | | | | |
| UA5039 | 2:30pm | 3:05pm | 6, 7 | | | UA5038 | 1:10pm | 1:45pm | 2, 4 | | |
| ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM) | | | | | | ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN | | | | | |
| UA5039 | 3:35pm | 4:10pm | 6, 7 | | | UA5038 | 2:15pm | 2:50pm | 2, 4 | | |
| SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR) | | | | | | PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN | | | | | |
| DL287 | 6:05am | 11:30pm | 2, 6 via NRT | | | DL298 | 4:30am | 3:05pm | 3, 7 via NRT | | |
| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) | | | | | | NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN | | | | | |
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:40am | Daily | | | DL298 | 10:25am | 3:05pm | Daily | | |
| DL297 | 4:20pm | 7:20pm | Daily | | | DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:30am+1 | Daily | | |
| SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) | | | | | | SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN | | | | | |
| OZ606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 | | | 7C 3402 | 8:00am | 1:25pm | 5, 7 | | |
| OZ606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | | | OZ603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily | | |
| 7C 3401 | 2:20pm | 6:30pm | 5, 7 | | | 7C 3402 | 9:30am | 2:55pm | 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 | | |
| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily | | | OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 | | |
| 7C 3401 | 4:00pm | 7:45pm | 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 | | | OZ605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 | | |
| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) | | | | | | SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN | | | | | |
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 | | | 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 | | |
| SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) | | | | | | BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN | | | | | |
| MU764A | 4:00am | 8:00am | 4, 7 | | | MU763A | 6:50pm | 2:30am+1 | 3, 6 | | |
| MU764 | 4:00am | 8:00am | 1, 5 | | | MU763 | 7:20pm | 3:00am+1 | 4, 7 | | |
| SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) | | | | | | GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN | | | | | |
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 | | | 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 | | |
| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) | | | | | | MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN | | | | | |
| OZ606/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN | | | OZ704/603 | 12:10am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN | | |
| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN | | | PR110/UA5041 | 7:35am | 6:35pm | 1,5 via GUM | | |
| UA5069/PR111 | 2:45am | 4:50pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM | | | PR110/UA5077 | 7:35am | 8:05pm | 3, 6, 7 via GUM | | |
| UA5070/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 3, 6, 7 via GUM | | | PR110/UA5043 | 7:35am | 10:20pm | 1, 5 via GUM | | |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM | | | DL172/288 | 7:55am | 1:30am+1 | Daily via NRT | | |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM | | | UA190/5077 | 9:55am | 8:05pm | 3, 6, 7 via GUM | | |
| DL287/473 | 6:05am | 10:20pm | Daily via NRT | | | OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN | | |
| UA5071/PR111 | 6:40am | 4:50pm | 3 via GUM | | | UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 7:30am+1 | 3 via GUM | | |
| UA5071/PR111 | 7:15am | 4:50pm | 1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM | | | UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM | | |
| UA5068/183 | 8:00am | 9:10pm | 3 via GUM | | | UA184/5039 | 10:25pm | 2:00pm+1 | 6, 7 via GUM | | |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM | | | UA184/5038 | 10:25pm | 2:50pm+1 | 4 via GUM-Rota | | |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 9:10pm | 1, 4, 6, 7via GUM | | | UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 2:50pm+1 | 1 via GUM | | |
| UA5039/183 | 2:30pm | 9:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota-GUM | | | UA184/5041 | 10:25pm | 6:35pm+1 | 1 via GUM | | |
| UA5038/183 | 3:20pm | 8:45pm | 2 via GUM | | | UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 8:05pm+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM | | |
| UA5078/183 | 3:20pm | 8:45pm | 5 via GUM | | | UA184/5043 | 10:25pm | 10:20pm+1 | 1 via GUM | | |
| UA5078/183 | 3:20pm | 9:10pm | 1 via GUM | | | UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM | | |
| UA5038/183 | 3:20pm | 9:10pm | 4 via GUM | | | UA184/5038 | 11:30pm | 2:50pm+1 | 2 via GUM-Rota | | |
| OZ604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:45pm | 2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | | | UA184/5077 | 11:30pm | 2:50pm+1 | 5 via GUM | | |
| | | | | | | UA184/5041 | 11:30pm | 6:35pm+1 | 5 via GUM | | |
| | | | | | | UA184/5077 | 11:30pm | 8:05pm+1 | 2 via GUM | | |
| | | | | | | UA184/5043 | 11:30pm | 10:20pm+1 | 5 via GUM | | |
| SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG) | | | | | | HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN | | | | | |
| OZ606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN | | | OZ746/603 | 12:40am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN | | |
| OZ606/723 | 2:20am | 12:50pm | 1 via ICN | | | OZ750/603 | 1:40am | 2:20pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | | |
| OZ606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | | | OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN | | |
| OZ606/723 | 2:50am | 12:50pm | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | | | OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 6 via ICN | | |
| UA5070/179 | 4:15am | 9:55pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM | | | OZ724/605 | 1:50pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN | | |
| UA5068/179 | 8:00am | 9:55pm | 3 via GUM | | | OZ724/605 | 1:50pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN | | |
| UA5068/179 | 8:40am | 9:55pm | 1, 5, 6 via GUM | | | UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 7:30am+1 | 3 via GUM | | |
| UA5039/179 | 2:30pm | 9:55pm | 6 via Rota-GUM | | | UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 5, 6 via GUM | | |
| UA5078/179 | 3:20pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5 via GUM | | | UA180/5039 | 9:55pm | 2:00pm+1 | 6 via GUM | | |
| OZ604/749 | 3:30pm | 11:00pm | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN | | | UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 2:50pm+1 | 1, 5 via GUM-Rota | | |
| OZ604/749 | 3:30pm | 11:40pm | 7 via ICN | | | UA180/5041 | 9:55pm | 6:35pm+1 | 1, 5 via GUM | | |
| | | | | | | UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 8:05pm+1 | 3, 6 via GUM | | |
| | | | | | | UA180/5043 | 9:55pm | 10:20pm+1 | 1, 5 via GUM | | |

A perspective in a US Commonwealth democracy

By **JUAN N. BABAUTA** and **JUAN S. TORRES**
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The crown jewel of the Marianas

Our approach to our local tourism is simple: Juan S. Torres and I will make the industry the top priority in our administration.

Juan S. Torres and I will not waver in our commitment for immediate and full implementation of the Marianas Visitors Authority’s Tourism Master Plan (2012-2016 and beyond). The Babauta-Torres Leadership will lead the CNMI as a destination of choice for business, for tourist, and for trade and commerce, and the centerpiece of the CNMI’s hospitality industry will be the CNMI host-culture. How, for instance, can we establish the CNMI as an international sports village and develop the local regulatory and support infrastructure. Tourists oriented modernization and expansion of our public pathways and roadways, traffic management and public transportation infrastructure, and in particular, tourist frequented sites should also be enjoyed by our citizens. We will openly embrace, encourage and pursue public-private partnership (e.g. BOT) in tourist-related and public service infrastructures.

Moreover, we will repackage and pursue without delay comprehensive and sensible heritage tourism. We will collaborate with countries with colonial vestiges in the Mariana Islands. These countries include Spain, Germany, Japan, the U.S. and Europe. Authentic remote Mariana Islands adventure and cultural experiences will be integrated into the existing tourist destination portfolio. Gani Islands, north of Saipan for example, will be promoted and marketed for adventure filming and nature-related TV advertising (e.g., Pagan, Sarigan, and Alamagan, etc.).

Additional industries aimed at boosting tourism include ecotourism, agro-tourism, edu-tourism, heritage tourism, sports tourism, film and TV advertising, military tourism, and volunteer tourism. Sister city tourism and convention tourism will be mapped out in order to strategically target Asia. Volunteer tourism will be crafted

into the mix.

To succeed in these efforts requires focus and attention on the CNMI’s lift capacity. BT will engage in consultative dialogue and personally develop relationships with airlines, cruise liners, and other providers of tourist transportation. For instance, cruise liner-air link booking could be explored, especially with study tours, long-term travelers, and niche tourists. Our administration will integrate local marketing efforts with Destination America that markets the CNMI internationally, especially in countries with historic vestiges in the Marianas.

Of property and Article 12

Because of the lack of reliable information and public education on property restriction in the Northern Marianas, there is a current push to either abolish or to modify property ownership system in the homeland. It is our considered view that a flexibility in renewal option may serve to resuscitate the economy by spurring major investment the Commonwealth experienced in the mid-’80s before the bubble burst. This adjustment through a renewal option will revitalize the real estate market, broadly spreading the benefits to landowners, real estate brokers, and investor capitalists (i.e., multiplier effect).

In other words, a more flexible long-term interest in real property will enable institutional lenders and guarantors to finance commercial development transactions. This will enable business opportunities to flourish in the secondary market. The current base term leasehold interest in real property of 55 years and subsequent renewal leasehold option term of 25 years beyond the 55-year base leasehold term should be sufficient for business recovery and amortization purposes. Moreover, traceable lineage burdened on the applicant should substitute for blood quantum. However, the fate of Article 12 in the Constitution is a topic that merits comprehensive consideration by all stakeholders. Ultimately, the future social and economic health of the CNMI rides on the balance.

Contrary to popular belief, a non-NMD could own in fee property in the CNMI by purchasing, say, a condominium with common ap-

purtenances above the first floor in a privately-owned realty. There are a number of realty transaction in this category but are not actively marketed by real estate agents. Additionally, the vast stretches of open submerged land within the 3-mile exclusive economic zone, including the CNMI’s seabed nodules, other minerals and geothermal reservoir, are not actively explored for open and competitive marketing. BT is committed to this venture.

Moreover, it was reported in the local newspapers that a submarine cable runs by or through the Northern Islands. It appears based on the article that the local government is clueless on this discovery. Juan S. Torres and I will immediately launch a preliminary site assessment to determine whether the CNMI has beneficiary interest within its 3-mile EEZ waters. This could be a revenue bonanza if handled prudently.

Speaking with bankers on financing real property in the CNMI made it apparent that Article 12 per se is not the problem as much as with the CNMI’s mechanic lien statute. Institutional lenders and guarantors in the CNMI have experienced certain difficulty in obtaining mechanic lien endorsement from local title insurance companies due to certain ambiguities in the mechanic lien law. The present situation prevents title insurance companies from providing mechanic lien endorsement in financing house construction loan or home purchase mortgage, for example.

What is needed, therefore, is to first strengthen the existing mechanic lien statute. Specific timetable must be established for contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers in filing liens against completed, partially completed, substantially completed or abandoned project improvement financed or guaranteed in whole or in part by a CNMI-licensed lending institutions, a CNMI-government entity, or a federal agency institutional lender or guarantor. Babauta-Torres will work collaboratively with the Legislature in reforming this and a host of other public policies on performance government, revenue generation, regulatory reforms, and seamless investment in higher education all the way to early childhood education.

To be continued.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Performance evaluation

This year’s election season follows the same processes as the performance appraisal strategies and the selection interview practices of employers in ordinary public and private employment situations. For active employees, the employer evaluates the employees’ work performance during the review period. For new employees, the hiring decision involves serious evaluation of each candidate in which the results would ensure that the employer is selecting the best person to perform the work of the organization.

As future employers of all candidates seeking selection for public offices, we have the right to know how your prospective employees for public elected offices will perform on the job. Your questions, evaluations, and determinations are all protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution.

With this in mind, the indigenous people of the NMI should seriously and critically examine the incumbent and the job of the office of the CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress. The job of the office of the CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress is to bring and draw the more pressing public issues, desirable interests and needs of the indigenous people of the NMI to the U.S. Congress. Hence, the primary job of Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan is no less than representing the indigenous people on social, political, and economic issues that affect the future of the indigenous people of the NMI. Omission or commission by legislative actions engaged by Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan should be the subject of close evaluations and detailed reviews and scrutiny by the indigenous people.

Hence, there is no sense in retaining this person to continue employment as the representative of the indigenous people of the NMI for overt actions committed that would result in a people who are not asking to be wiped out from their own islands. We as the indigenous people of the NMI could not comprehend why Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan selected the indigenous people as his prey for his game. It is hard to digest and satisfy to our satisfaction the consequences of his deeds, but it seems that Mr. Sablan is careless as long as his future track is on target and preying on the indigenous people has been his desired game plan. It is true that “an empty stomach has no ears.” This is the lesson here and the indigenous people should voice out their concerns and decide whether in fact Gregorio C. Sablan is good for their future and by dislocating his existence as a representative of the indigenous people.

A question for which there is no answer is still a question, but an answer for which there is no question is no answer. This factor applies to what Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan has always borne in his mind. The indigenous people of the NMI must understand what this statement means and why their future is imperiled under the tutelage of

Gregorio C. Sablan’s performance as their pseudo-representative in the halls of Congress. The failure of Gregorio C. Sablan bringing this serious issue to its priority level within all competing issues to a public discussion so we can ask and articulate his responses would never come. Hence, we can intelligently and conscientiously understand what his real motive is. And, by this we can conclude that “he who is not for me is against me.” We can take this to the bank in our dealings with the incumbent.

This is appalling and deserves an adverse action verdict by the indigenous people of the NMI this election day. This is the only punitive action that an employer could impose on an employee who is performing way out of line from his usual and expected line of work. We, as the indigenous people of the NMI, are not asking to be the subject of a political ploy by paying the price of the design engineering engaged by the incumbent delegate. What Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan is doing would change the course of the ancestral domain of these islands and its people. He must be stopped and discharged from his employment.

Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan should be put on notice that food stamps and federal grants are not the only benefits that matters for the indigenous people. These federal payments would come to the CNMI regardless of who is selected as the delegate for the indigenous people.

Monetize your accuracy

They say, “Time is money!” Actually, time is more than money but still getting proper money compensation for damages due to unkept word(s) seems a fair enough way for justice to take place. So far, there is no way to measure exactly how badly a promise is kept. Therefore, there is no way to claim this or that exact amount of money from the inaccurate side. The more accurate side would never get his/her accuracy dollars.

Now, to the service of our nation come On-Timeliness Monetizers, Business Accuracy Monetizers, and Daily Accuracy Monetizers. They are a kind of electronic arbiters in dealings between any two parties interested in each other’s services. Right now, they are basically in a draft form or in almost-ready software form. Nevertheless, it is well worth for our people to be aware of these new opportunities the future holds for us.

For example, On-Timeliness Monetizer fixes in a proper way the two sides’ time-related promises given to each other in doing something that needs to be done. Later on, when the planned interactions end, the Monetizer registers factual data of how the promises were kept, underkept or not kept at all. All the data created by the sides only. So they are going to be responsible for the steps they have taken and for the money-related consequences

ple. Grandstanding by listing in PowerPoint presentation all federal grants and food stamps coming to the CNMI next to his name and preaching his role in all these is obviously understandable. Arnold H. Glasow pointed out, “A good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame, a little less than his share of the credit.” But Mr. Sablan wants all the credit as his own private undertaking. That is not good and no near being truthful. A sign of a liar by his own lies, and ironically he has no shame saying so.

The indigenous people of the NMI must give Gregorio C. Sablan this lasting message, “Nothing can be created out of nothing.” We as a people are not asking to be displaced and taken out of existence from our own islands. He did and moving that we do. It would have been good if he had elected to take the alternative, and that is to stray as far as possible from his brand ideology. But Gregorio C. Sablan has figured it out—his future is not with the indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands. With this in mind, it is worth the chance to invest in a new person than gambling in an incumbent that we already know is out to have an irreversible impact on the social fabric of our future generations of the NMI.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

of their steps.

It is how the electronic arbiter works. For each side, Monetizer separately puts together (using a certain procedure) what was promised and how it was performed. The computation shows levels of accuracy. For each side, accuracy is measured in numbers. Then the Monetizer compares the first side’s accuracy level with the accuracy level of the second side. The side having higher accuracy level is, of course, the more business-accurate side and he is the winner of the competition for accuracy!

The winner’s advantage in accuracy is easily calculated by deducting from his accuracy level the less accurate’s level. Depending on the size of the advantage and the size of the award fund, Monetizer determines how many accuracy dollars should shift from the less accurate’s pocket to the more accurate’s pocket.

What happened? Being more accurate in time-related interaction has brought accuracy dollars! By the way, from now, those who own nothing but accuracy can do the accuracy business.

I dream of seeing us monetizing accuracy.

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Business

IN THE FACE OF CRITICISM

Yahoo CEO Meyers defends strategy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Signaling her reign has reached a pivotal juncture, Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer is trying to convince restless shareholders that the long-struggling Internet company is heading in the right direction.

Mayer staunchly defended her strategy during a Tuesday presentation that addressed recent criticism leveled by activist investor Starboard Value LP, a New York hedge fund with a history of leading shareholder mutinies.

Starboard contends that since Mayer became CEO in July 2012, Yahoo has been wasting money on ill-advised acquisitions and a bloated payroll while mismanaging its lucrative stake in Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba Group.

In her rebuttal, Mayer described the \$1.6 billion spent her more than 30 acquisitions as smart investments that have made Yahoo more competitive in the increasingly important mobile-device market. She also highlighted cost-cutting measures that have included closing eight offices, dumping 65 products and jettisoning about 1,600 contractors.

And she insisted that Yahoo wouldn't have been in a position to make as much money as it has on its Alibaba holdings if she hadn't taken steps to ease "years of tension and hard feelings" that existed between the two companies before she came to Yahoo.

"This team has now been in place for two years and we've achieved much more than many people realize," Mayer said.

Starboard didn't immediately respond to requests for comment late Tuesday.

Yahoo's biggest problem has been its inability to sell more digital advertising, even though marketers are shifting more of their budgets to the Internet and mobile devices.

The issue surfaced again in

Yahoo's latest quarterly results, even though the company fared slightly better than analysts anticipated. Yahoo's revenue during the three months ending in

September rose by just 1 percent from last year to \$1.15 billion, a dramatic contrast to the 20 percent increase posted by rival Google Inc.



In this June 5, 2014 photo, people walk in front of a Yahoo sign at the company's headquarters in Sunnyvale, Calif.

United Airlines makes Hertz exclusive car-rental partner

CHICAGO—United Airlines on Tuesday said Hertz will become its exclusive partner for car rentals on its booking website, united.com, and United's elite-level fliers and credit-card holders will get bonus frequent-flier miles for booking with Hertz.

The changes take effect for rental cars picked up on Nov. 1 or after. Avis, a current rental-car partner, will no longer be offered at united.com after that date, a spokeswoman for Chicago-based United said.

For booking with Hertz, members of the airline's frequent-flier program, MileagePlus, will earn 500 miles per rental for general members, 750 miles for primary cardholders of MileagePlus credit cards from Chase, 1,000 miles for Premier Gold and Silver members and 1,250 per rental for Global Services, Premier 1K and Premier Platinum members. United said MileagePlus members will continue to get discounts on Hertz rentals when booked via the airline's website.

Members renting with Hertz discount brands, Dollar and Thrifty, will continue to earn 50 miles per day for rentals of one to four days and 500 miles for rentals five days or longer.

And next year, beginning Jan. 1, elite-status fliers on United will be eligible for elite status with Hertz.

MileagePlus Global Services, Premier 1K and Premier Platinum members along with primary MileagePlus Club and Presidential Plus credit card members may sign up for complimentary Hertz President's Circle status in the Hertz Gold Plus Rewards program. Those benefits include confirmed availability of economy- through full-size four-door vehicles and one-car-class upgrade availability.

MileagePlus Premier Gold and Premier Silver members may sign up for complimentary Hertz Five Star status, which includes car upgrades based on availability. (*Chicago Tribune*)

The program is currently being offered in Southern California, and McDonald's has said it will roll it out nationally in Australia.

"We haven't been changing at the same rate as our customers' eating-out expectations," Thompson conceded during a conference call outlining the changes.

The remarks came after McDonald's said sales at established locations fell 3.3 percent globally and in the U.S. division, marking the fourth straight quarter of declines in its home market. Profit sank 30 percent.

The changes come as McDonald's continues to struggle with myriad problems. One of

its biggest challenges in the U.S. is long-held perceptions around the freshness and quality of its ingredients. The chain has been fighting to boost sales as people gravitate toward foods they feel are more wholesome. As a result, people have been gravitating to places like Chipotle, which markets its ingredients as being of superior quality.

In fact, Chipotle's sales at established locations surged 19.8 percent in the third quarter. Steve Eells, Chipotle's co-CEO, said the results show people are realizing "there are better alternatives to traditional fast food" and that he expects the trend to continue.

McDonald's CEO outlines changes; sales slide

NEW YORK (AP)—After posting yet another disappointing quarter, McDonald's CEO Don Thompson said Tuesday the company hasn't been keeping up with the times and that changes are in store for its U.S. restaurants.

Thompson said that starting in January McDonald's will "simplify" its menu to make room for restaurants to offer options that are best-suited for their regions. To offer greater customization, he also said the company planned to expand its "Create Your Taste" offering that lets people pick the buns and toppings they want on burgers by tapping a touchscreen.

Nation

US expands Ebola checks at borders

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fending off demands to ban travel from Ebola-stricken West Africa, the Obama administration instead tightened the nation's defenses against Ebola by requiring that all arrivals from the disease-ravaged zone pass through one of five U.S. airports.

The move responds to pressure from some Congress members and the public to impose a travel ban on the three countries at the heart of the Ebola outbreak, which has killed over 4,500 people, mostly in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone, since it emerged 10 months ago.

Beginning Wednesday, people whose trips began in Guinea, Liberia or Sierra Leone must fly into one of the five U.S. airports performing fever checks for Ebola, the Home-

Flight screening

The Department of Homeland Security announced Tuesday that all travelers from Ebola outbreak countries in West Africa (Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea) will be funneled through one of these five U.S. airports with enhanced screening.



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land Security Department said.

Previously, the administration said screenings at those airports covered about 94 percent of fliers from the three

countries but missed a few who landed elsewhere.

There are no direct flights from those nations into the U.S.; about 150 fliers per day arrive by various multi-leg routes.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said "we currently have in place measures to identify and screen anyone at all land, sea and air ports of entry into the United States who we have reason to believe has been present in Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea in the preceding 21 days."

Since screening started Oct. 11 at New York's Kennedy airport, 562 people have been checked at the five airports, according to Homeland Security. Of those, four who arrived at Washington's Dulles airport were taken to a local hospital. No cases of Ebola have been discovered.

Indiana man was violent long before 7 killings

GARY, Ind. (AP)—With hindsight, there were signs years ago of increasing violence against women by Darren Vann, who police said Tuesday has confessed to killing seven women in northwestern Indiana.

Indiana court records from 2004 describe him grabbing a woman in a chokehold, dousing her with gasoline and threatening to set her on fire. He was sentenced to a year in prison.

In 2009, he was convicted in Texas of raping a woman. She told police that when she went to his apartment in Austin he knocked her down and began to strangle her, hit her

several times in the face and said he could kill her, court records show. He served time in prison until last year, when he was released and moved back to Indiana.

In both cases, the charges against Vann were reduced as part of plea bargains, and Texas officials deemed him a low risk for violence. He registered as a sex offender in Indiana and police made a routine check in September that he lived at the address he provided.

"He was not on our radar at all," Gary Police Chief Larry McKinley said at a news conference Tuesday, adding that Vann was never

suspected of taking part in homicides in the days or months before his arrest.

Now Vann is charged with the strangulation death of one woman, and police say more charges are expected in a few days after he directed them to the bodies of six more. Authorities in two states are poring over cold case files and missing person reports to determine if there are more victims. He will appear in court Wednesday for the first time since his arrest over the weekend.

Several families who have missing relatives have called since the bodies were discovered to ask if their loved ones might have been killed by Vann, said another Gary officer, Cmdr. Del Stout.



Vann

ACROSS THE NATION

Pakistani Nobel laureate honored in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A Pakistani teenager awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts to promote girls' education brought her passion for learning to Philadelphia, where she received the Liberty Medal on Tuesday. In accepting the honor, Malala Yousafzai implored world leaders to spend money on supporting learning, not wars, and to solve their differences with words. "Education is the best weapon against poverty, ignorance and terrorism," she said. Yousafzai, 17, recently became the world's youngest Nobel laureate. Organizers of the Liberty Medal ceremony didn't know that would be the case when they decided months ago to honor her.

Wyoming gay couples get marriage licenses

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)—Wyoming has become the latest state to allow same-sex unions, bringing the wave of legalizations to a place where the 1998 beating death of Matthew Shepard galvanized a national push for gay rights. Gay couples began to apply for marriage licenses Tuesday morning, albeit far more quietly than in other states where bans were recently struck down. Hundreds of same-sex couples in Idaho and Nevada flooded clerk's offices and courthouses in recent weeks and married immediately afterward to cheering crowds. In Wyoming, however, only a handful of couples received licenses across the state as the change went into effect.

FBI: Denver girls may have tried to join jihadis

DENVER (AP)—Three teenage girls from suburban Denver may have been trying to join Islamic State militants in Syria after stealing their parents' money and flying to Germany, authorities said Tuesday. The girls—two sisters, ages 17 and 15, and their 16-year-old friend—were reported missing after they skipped school Friday, but the families had no indication of where they might have gone, said Glenn Thompson, bureau chief of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department. They were stopped at the Frankfurt, Germany, airport over the weekend by FBI agents and returned to Colorado where they were reunited with their families, FBI spokeswoman Suzie Payne said.

Asia

N.Korea frees US man; 2 still detained

WASHINGTON (AP)—North Korea's reclusive government abruptly freed an American man Tuesday, nearly six months after he was arrested on charges of leaving a Bible in a nightclub, but Pyongyang refused to hand over two other U.S. citizens who are still being held.

There was no immediate explanation for the release of Jeffrey Fowle, who was quickly whisked to the U.S. territory of Guam before heading back to his wife and three children in Miamisburg, Ohio. Relations between Washington and Pyongyang, never warm, are at a particularly low point, and the U.S. has sought unsuccessfully for months to send a high-level representative to North Korea to negotiate acquittals for all three men.

Fowle's wife, Tatyana, "screamed when I told her," said family attorney Timothy

Tepe, who received a call from the State Department with word of the release. Tepe said Fowle himself called his wife soon afterward.

"She is ecstatic, excited, use whatever word you want," Tepe said.

State Department deputy spokeswoman Marie Harf said Fowle was seen by doctors and appeared to be in good medical health. She declined to give more details about his release except to thank the government of Sweden, which has an embassy in Pyongyang, for its "tireless efforts."

Harf would not say whether any American officials had intervened directly with the North Koreans.

"We'll let the North Koreans speak for themselves about why did they decide to do this," Harf said. "But we are pleased that he was able to leave, and urge the immediate release of the other two."

Fowle's release comes as North Korea seeks to fend off criticism of its human rights situation following the release earlier this year of a groundbreaking U.N. report laying out the regime's widespread abuses against its own citizens. The European Union and Japan have been pushing a U.N. resolution to refer North Korea to the International Criminal Court, and Pyongyang doesn't want the issue to even get to a vote.

Fowle was flown out of North Korea on a U.S. military jet which was spotted at Pyongyang's international airport Tuesday by two Associated Press journalists.

There was no immediate comment from the government of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. The United States has no diplomatic relations with North Korea and strongly warns American citizens against traveling to the country.

Marine suspect transferred to PH detention

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The U.S. military turned over a Marine suspect in the killing of a transgender Filipino to the Philippine military's main camp in the capital Wednesday, easing a looming irritant over his custody, officials said.

Marine Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton had been detained on board the USS *Peleliu* at the Subic Bay Freeport, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) northwest of Manila, after he was implicated in the death of 26-year-old Jennifer Laude, whose former name was Jeffrey.

Pemberton's transfer by helicopter to Manila early Wednesday was agreed by the U.S. and the Philippines, Philippine military chief of staff Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang told a news conference. He said that Pemberton will be detained in an air-conditioned van, directly guarded by U.S. Marines while Philippine military guards will be posted outside the compound, he said.

"They agreed to put him in a facility which will pass U.S. custodial standards," Philippine Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin told The Associated Press. "We're happy with this because he's a suspect in a crime that was committed in our country."

Foreign Secretary Albert del



U.S. Marine Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton, a suspect in the gruesome killing of a transgender Filipino woman, arrives inside the compound of the Camp Aguinaldo military headquarters in suburban Quezon city, north of Manila, Philippines, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014.

Rosario, who has described Laude's death as tragic, told The AP that the arrangement showed "mechanisms are in place so that justice can be served," adding there was strong cooperation between the treaty allies.

Philippine and U.S. authorities engaged in a high-profile custody battle over another U.S. Marine, Daniel Smith, who was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison on charges of raping a Filipino woman after a night of drinking in 2005, also at the Subic freeport. Smith was held at

the U.S. Embassy in Manila until a Philippine appeals court overturned his conviction in 2009, allowing him to leave the country amid anti-U.S. protests.

In the latest case, Philippine police and witnesses said Pemberton and Laude met at a disco bar in the city of Olongapo on Oct. 11, then went to a motel room where Laude's body was later found in the bathroom. She had apparently been drowned in the toilet bowl, according to police Chief Inspector Gil Domingo.

Opposition leader Anwar expects to be jailed again

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim said he expects Malaysia's top court will dismiss his final appeal against a sodomy conviction next week and that he will be sent to prison for the second time in a decade.

Anwar was sentenced to five years in prison in March on charges of sodomizing a male aide after the appeals court overturned an earlier acquittal.

The Federal Court will hear his appeal Oct. 28-29.

The United States and international human rights groups call the legal moves against Anwar politically motivated.

"It's a foregone conclusion that there will be a conviction unless there is a miracle," Anwar said late Tuesday at a dinner with the foreign media.

"I am still optimistic. I haven't lost hope but I'm realis-

tic to expect the worst. Mentally I am prepared," he added.

Anwar, 67, was accused of sodomizing a male aide in 2008, but acquitted by the High Court in 2012. He has said the charges were trumped up to kill his political career.

He is the most potent threat to Prime Minister Najib Razak, whose party has ruled Malaysia since independence in 1957 but faces declining support.

World

IS seizes weapons meant for Kurds

BEIRUT (AP)—Islamic State group fighters seized at least one cache of weapons airdropped by U.S.-led coalition forces that were meant to supply Kurdish militiamen battling the extremist group in a border town, activists said Tuesday.

The cache of weapons included hand grenades, ammunition and rocket-propelled grenade launchers, according to a video uploaded by a media group loyal to the Islamic State group.

The video appeared authentic and corresponded to The Associated Press' reporting of the event. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which bases its information on a network of activists on the ground, said the militants had seized at least one cache.

The caches were airdropped early on Monday to Kurds in the embattled Syrian town of Kobani that lies near the Turkish border. The militant group has been trying to seize the town for over a month now, causing the exodus of some 200,000 people from the area into Turkey. While Kurds are battling on the ground, a U.S.-led coalition is also targeting the militants from the air.

On Tuesday, IS loyalists on social media posted sarcastic thank you notes to the United States, including one image that said "Team USA."

But the lost weapons drop was more an embarrassment



This frame grab from undated video uploaded by militants shows an Islamic State group militant looking through some items from a seized cache of weapons airdropped by U.S.-led coalition forces.

than a great strategic loss. The Islamic State militants already possess millions of dollars' worth of U.S. weaponry that they captured from fleeing Iraqi soldiers when the group seized swaths of Iraq in a sudden sweep in June.

State Department deputy spokeswoman Marie Harf said the U.S. had seen the video but couldn't confirm its accuracy and was seeking more information.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Central Command said U.S. military forces conducted four airstrikes near Kobani that destroyed IS fighting positions, an IS building and a large IS unit.

Also Tuesday, Syrian government airstrikes hit a rebel-held town along the country's

southern border with Jordan, killing at least eight people.

Activists with the Local Coordination Committees and the Observatory said the number of those killed was likely to rise as there are more victims under the rubble.

The LCC said Syrian government planes dropped crude explosives-laden canisters on the town of Nasib on the Syria-Jordan border.

The airstrikes are part of battles between Syrian government forces and Islamic rebel groups for control of the area.

Syrian government forces have been heavily bombing rebel areas in recent weeks, while the U.S.-led coalition has been conducting airstrikes against Islamic State militants elsewhere in Syria.

Bedouin Israeli doctor mysteriously turns jihadi

HURA, Israel (AP)—He was a quiet whiz kid at the top of his class in Israel, who overcame tough odds in this minority Arab village to become a star medical student and hospital intern.

Could Othman Abu al-Qiyan have been radicalized by Israel's conflict with the Palestinians—or something else?

No one can quite explain what happened and why, but in his community in Israel's southern Negev desert, where many even serve in the Israeli army, his sudden transformation into a jihadi killed in Syria fighting for the Islamic State group is treated as a dark and dangerous mystery.

In three years of war in Syria, dozens of educated and seemingly progressive Muslims from Western countries have been lured to what they perceive to be a heroic jihadi battle against President Bashar Assad.

In Israel, the phenomenon is still marginal. Israel's Shin Bet security service estimates that only about 30 Arabs have departed for Syria to take part in the fighting. Just a handful have joined IS—the extremist group notorious for its be-

headings of foreign journalists and aid workers.

Abu al-Qiyan, believed to be in his late 20s, is the first Bedouin to take that route. His extended family—which has close ties to the Israeli establishment and has produced many soldiers—has been quick to condemn and distance itself from the act.

"I know the father, I know the grandfather, they are good people," said Salim Abu al-Qiyan, a distant relative who said the family has posthumously disowned the deceased jihadi for shaming them.

"They have no idea why he went there and how he did it. They invested a lot of money in him, they taught him and made a doctor out of him and they were waiting to reap the benefits. And this person showed no signs, he did not tell anybody, he went on a normal trip."

The Bedouin are among the most underprivileged communities in Israel, and have become more religious in recent years. They have been particu-



Abu al-Qiyan

larly enraged at the Israeli establishment over plans to resettle their traditionally nomadic communities into government-recognized villages.

Even so, IS seems a world away, especially for someone like Abu al-Qiyan.

He was a golden boy, described by those who knew him as a shy "genius" who was equally devoted to medicine and Islam.

"He was very smart, very sharp. The last person you would have suspected to be violent," said Dr. Yosef Mishal, a department head at Barzilai Medical Center who oversaw Abu al-Qiyan's internship. "He is the kind of doctor any department head would want."

Abu al-Qiyan was set to start a further specialization at Beersheba's Soroka hospital in May when he vanished.

What followed next remains unclear: Residents in Hura were hesitant to discuss details openly either because of the shame it brought upon them or for fear of angering his extended family, one of the two most powerful clans in town.

Environment

A billionaire's climate change crusade

By MARK Z. BARABAK
LOS ANGELES TIMES

DES MOINES, Iowa—Tom Steyer wants to save the planet, but first he wants to know about the U.S. Senate race in Iowa.

Seated in a hotel coffee shop, with a packet of data in his lap, he bursts with questions for the political strategists arrayed around the table: How many early voters? How many undecided? How much spending on persuasion and how much turning out the environmental-minded vote?

Later, touring an eco-friendly farm, Steyer asks about the compost used to grow the organic figs and wild berries. Is manure part of the mix?

In short order, the inquisitive San Francisco hedge-fund billionaire has become one of the most powerful players in American politics, sinking tens of millions of his fortune into boosting Democrats and trying to elevate global warming from a political afterthought into a top-tier issue.

He's built an organization that includes some of the country's top campaign strategists. He's won a following among environmental activists thrilled at his free-spending ways—he's drawn at least \$40 million from his own checkbook this election cycle—and recruited a nationwide legion of green-thinking volunteers.

His political organization, NextGen Climate Action, is focused on seven campaigns across the country: U.S. Senate contests in Iowa, Colorado, New Hampshire and Michigan and gubernatorial races in Florida, Maine and Pennsylvania. He's also invested in some state legislative races, including Democratic efforts to win back a two-thirds majority in California.

In the process Steyer has drawn the enmity of conservatives, who paint him as the epitome of smug I-know-what's-best-for-you liberalism: a radical leftist billionaire hypocrite who



President of NextGen Climate Tom Steyer visits LAC and USC Medical Center in Los Angeles on July 29, 2014. The founder of Farallon Capitol hedge fund, which he sold, Steyer is now deeply involved environmental issues.

wants to kill jobs and raise gas prices while perched snugly in his Sea Cliff mansion. He's even inspired the Republican Party to create a website, MeetTomSteyer, devoted entirely to disparaging "Steyer the Liar."

Through it all he displays the casual comportment and breezy self-assurance of someone rich enough to treat money as though it doesn't really matter. He professes to be quite comfortable on the receiving end of attacks, the product of an age when deep-pocketed donors such as Steyer on the left and the Koch brothers on the right are often higher-profile targets than those seeking office. "This is full-contact sports, and ... people are going to say nasty things about me," Steyer says with a shrug.

Although his efforts so far appear unavailing—polls consistently show climate change low on the list of voter priorities—he is determined to inject the issue into the next presidential race and is talked about as a possible 2018 candidate for governor of California, where he honed his advocacy by pushing through ballot measures on taxes and climate change.

All of which raise a number of questions for Steyer himself: What do issues such as same-sex marriage and shipping jobs overseas, featured in attack ads he's paid for in Colorado and Iowa, have to do with climate change? Has Steyer hurt his credibility with claims that fact-checkers have deemed misleading and even patently false, such as an ad suggesting Florida's

governor was soft on polluters who enriched his campaign? And how much of his conservationist crusade is about him and a future run for office?

Working his way through a cheeseburger, Steyer defends his advertising—"I have not seen anything ... that I did not think was supportable," he says.

And he rules out a gubernatorial bid—sort of. "I have no plans," he insists, "and that's no joke."

He has come a long way from his first campaign experience, as a lowly fundraiser for Walter Mondale's 1984 presidential race, when he was shocked by the casual cruelty of politics. Presented with one of the attack mailers he has paid for against Joni Ernst, Iowa's Republican Senate candidate, Steyer throws

NextGen's national influence

Tom Steyer's political action committee is running independent expenditures in four Senate races. The PAC has also transferred funds to state committees active in three gubernatorial races.

Senate races

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| Colorado | \$4.66 million |
| Michigan | 3.19 |
| New Hampshire | 3.14 |
| Iowa | 2.48 |

Gubernatorial races

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| Florida | 9.75 |
| Pennsylvania | 1.425 |
| Maine | 1.0 |

Source: FEC, OpenSecrets.org, Florida and Pennsylvania departments of state, Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
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his head back and laughs, a deep throaty chortle.

He waves it merrily, then returns to performance metrics. "What," he demands of his Iowa campaign team, "do you think the delta will be for our effort?"

Part of the Steyer lore is the role of unassuming billionaire, and he is easygoing and approachable as he chats up small groups of college students across Iowa.

On Day Two of his state tour he wears the same toad-green sport coat, frayed-at-the-cuff khakis and signature tie, a red tartan plaid, as the day before. He may be the country's biggest individual political donor this year, but no one looks twice as Steyer strolls across campus.

Climate change, Steyer tells his young audiences, is the seismic issue of our day, akin to being on the right side of the American Revolution or the Civil War. But "it's not just a question of understanding," he tells an earnest group of Iowa State volunteers. "It's a question of thinking that it's important."

Steyer has some way to go in convincing Americans of that, even his lavish spending is not likely to make climate change the deciding factor in any of the U.S. Senate or gubernatorial contests he's targeted.

"I would say it's near the bottom of issues people are motivated by," said Andrew Smith, a pollster at the University of

New Hampshire, who has been sampling opinion in the state for well over a decade.

Others say the same. "If your life is fine and you're not worried about next week's paycheck ... and you're not buried in student loans, you've got the luxury to think about global warming," said Michael Fraioli, a longtime Democratic strategist working on several campaigns this year. "But if you're worried about next week, or what happens six months from now, you've got more immediate concerns."

Steyer doesn't entirely disagree.

The states he aimed at are places where Democrats can talk about climate change without the risk they face in, say, conservative-leaning Louisiana, Kentucky or Georgia, which also have highly competitive Senate races. His absence there is tacit admission that, whatever the merits Steyer sees in his argument, the politics are not yet on his side.

That also explains NextGen's far-afield advertising, on issues including jobs and contraception, which are much more likely to stir Democratic voters than global warming.

Steyer suggests there is a connection, that candidates he deems wrong on such issues as birth control are probably also wrong on climate change. "If you're too extreme," he says, "these things all go together."

Pentagon unveils plan for military's response to climate change

By W.J. HENNIGAN
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

AREQUIPA, Peru—Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel addressed the Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas on Monday, unveiling a comprehensive plan for how the U.S. military will address the effects of climate change.

Rising global temperatures, increasing sea levels and intensifying weather events will challenge global stability, he said, and could lead to food and water shortages, pandemic dis-

ease and disputes over refugees and resources.

The Pentagon's "2014 Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap" describes how global warming will bring new demands on the military.

Among the report's conclusions: Coastal military installations that are vulnerable to flooding will need to be altered; humanitarian assistance missions will be more frequent in the face of more intense natural disasters; weapons and other critical military equipment will need to work under more severe

weather conditions.

"This road map shows how we are identifying—with tangible and specific metrics, and using the best available science—the effects of climate change on the department's missions and responsibilities," Hagel said. "Drawing on these assessments, we will integrate climate change considerations into our planning, operations and training."

It's necessary to work with regional partners to address the risks posed by climate change, he said. The U.S. military has completed a joint assessment with officials

from Chile, Colombia, El Salvador and Trinidad and Tobago on the implications.

"If we don't do anything to address the effects of climate change, there will be nothing left," Peruvian President Ollanta Humala said in the opening remarks of the defense summit.

The Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas is the culmination of Hagel's six-day trip through South America, talking with top leaders in Colombia, Chile and Peru. The conference, which brings together 34 nations, began Mon-

day and ends Tuesday.

Military officials from each of the countries gathered into a posh resort here in the high Andes in the southern Peruvian city of Arequipa. Defense ministers in staid business suits, military officials wearing colorful uniforms and journalists from throughout North, South and Central America huddled into a pool-side enclosed pavilion to discuss matters that face the region.

"I recognize that our militaries play different roles and have different responsibilities in each of our nations," Hagel

said. "I also recognize that climate change will have different impacts in different parts of the hemisphere. But there are many opportunities to work together."

The United Nations is holding an event in Peru in December to discuss climate change. Hagel called on defense leaders to be part of the discussion because climate change is a "threat multiplier" that can intensify the world's current problems, such as infectious diseases and terrorism.

"We must be clear-eyed about the security threats presented by climate change, and we must be proactive in addressing them," he said.

Life & Style

Former *Washington Post* editor Ben Bradlee dies

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a charmed life of newspapering, Ben Bradlee seemed always to be in just the right place.

The raspy-voiced, hard-charging editor who invigorated *The Washington Post* got an early break as a journalist thanks to his friendship with one president, John F. Kennedy, and became famous for his role in toppling another, Richard Nixon, in the Watergate scandal.

Bradlee died at home Tuesday of natural causes, the *Post* reported. He was 93.

Ever the newsman and ever one to challenge conventional wisdom, Bradlee imagined his own obituary years earlier and found something within it to quibble over.

"Bet me that when I die," he wrote in his 1995 memoir, "there will be something in my obit about how *The Washington Post* 'won' 18 Pulitzer prizes while Bradlee was editor." That, he said, would be bunk. The prizes are overrated and suspect, he wrote, and it's largely reporters, not newspapers or their editors, who deserve the credit.

Yet the *Post*'s Pulitzer-winning coverage of the Watergate scandal is an inextricable part of Bradlee's legacy, and one measure of his success in transforming the *Post* from a sleepy hometown paper into a great national one.

As managing editor first and later as executive editor, Bradlee engineered the *Post*'s reinvention, bringing in a cast of talented journalists and setting editorial standards that brought the paper new respect.

When Bradlee retired from the *Post* newsroom in 1991, then-publisher Donald Graham said: "Thank God the person making decisions in the last 26 years showed us how to do it with verve and with guts and with zest for the big story and for the little story."

With Watergate, Bradlee himself became a big part of a story that epitomized the glory days of newspapers—back before websites, cable chatter and bloggers drove the talk of the day.

Actor Jason Robards turned Bradlee into a box-office hit with his Oscar-winning portrayal of the editor in the 1976 movie "All the President's Men," which recounted the unraveling of Watergate under the reporting of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. Bradlee's marriage in 1978 to *Post* star reporter Sally Quinn (his third) added more glamour to his image.

He was one of the few to know the identity early on of the celebrated Watergate source dubbed Deep Throat, revealed

publicly in 2005 to be FBI official W. Mark Felt.

"I think he did a great service to society," Bradlee said after Felt's role finally came out.

In enduring partnership with publisher Katharine Graham, Bradlee took a stand for press freedom in 1971 by going forward with publication of the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of the Vietnam War broken by *The New York Times*, against the advice of lawyers and the entreaties of top government officials. The ensuing legal battle went all the way to the Supreme Court, which upheld the right of newspapers to publish the leaked papers.

The *Post*'s decision to publish helped pave the way for all of the smaller, difficult ones that collectively produced the newspaper's groundbreaking coverage of Watergate.

Bradlee "set the ground rules—pushing, pushing, pushing, not so subtly asking everyone to take one more step, relentlessly pursuing the story in the face of persistent accusations against us and a concerted campaign of intimidation," Katharine Graham recalled in her memoir.

In November 2013, at age 92, Bradlee stood in the White House East Room and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama, who saluted Bradlee for bringing an intensity and dedication to journalism that served as a reminder that "our freedom as a nation rests on our



freedom of the press."

Quinn disclosed in September 2014 that her husband had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for several years. She described him as happy to be fussed over and content even in decline. "Ben has never been depressed a day in his life," Quinn said in a C-SPAN interview.

Impatient, gruff, profane, Bradlee was all that. But also exuberant, innovative, charismatic.

"Ideas flew out of Ben," wrote Katharine Graham, who died in 2001. "He was always asking important 'why' questions. ... Ben was tough enough and good enough so that for the most part I not only let him do what he thought was right, I largely agreed with him."

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In this June 11, 2012 file photo, Ben Bradlee, former executive editor of *The Washington Post*, listens during an event sponsored by *The Washington Post* to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Watergate, at the Watergate office building in Washington.

ask enough questions about the story and said the incident was in part a reflection of the competition and tension within Bradlee's newsroom.

Benjamin Crowninshield Bradlee was born Aug. 26, 1921, a Boston Brahmin reared in comfort but for family financial setbacks in the Depression and a six-month bout with polio at age 14.

He hurried through Harvard in three years to take his place on a Pacific destroyer during World War II. On his return in 1945, he helped start a daily newspaper in New Hampshire, but it folded 2 1/2 years later for lack of advertising.

From there, Bradlee experienced a series of lucky breaks.

He landed his first job at the *Post* in 1948 when a rainstorm in Baltimore prompted him to

skip a job interview there and stay on the train to Washington.

He happened to be riding a trolley car past Blair House in 1950 when Puerto Rican extremists opened fire on the presidential guest house while President Truman was staying there. Bradlee turned it into a page-one eyewitness story.

Restless at the *Post*, he left the paper in 1951 to become press attache at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. Two years later, he joined *Newsweek*'s Paris bureau and spent four years as a European correspondent before returning to Washington to write politics.

He happened to buy a home in Georgetown in 1957, a few months before Sen. John F. Kennedy and his wife moved in across the street, the beginning of an intimate friendship and a proximity to power that burnished his credentials as a journalist and brought him rare insights into government.

"I was on a roll being in the right place at the right time, a luck that has stayed with me," Bradlee wrote in his best-selling memoir, "A Good Life: Newspapers and Other Adventures."

In Celebration of His New Life

Pastor B. Gagaring
Lovingly known as "Pat"
 Date of Birth: July 26, 1944
 Date of Death: October 18, 2014

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
 Wife: Aida M. Gagaring
 Children: Aydan M. Gagaring
 Alex M. Gagaring
 Grace M. Gagaring
 Joann G. /Rodney Joshua



Grandchildren: Jared & Ysabel Joshua

Daily Rosary is being prayed at 7:00pm at San Jose (Oleai) Church beginning Sunday, October 19, 2014. On Friday, October 24, 2014, a vigil will be held at the family's residence immediately after the rosary.

On Saturday, October 25, 2014, his remains will be escorted from the Cabrera Funeral Home to San Jose (Oleai) Church at 12:00 noon followed by viewing and last respects at 1:00pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00pm immediately followed by interment at Kagman Sanctuary.

Your presence, thoughts & prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank You
The Family

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

We, the family of the late



†Susana Rios Tokyo

Lovingly known as **"Susanan Dasu"**
 January 10, 1952 – September 27, 2014

Would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to all. You will always be in our hearts and prayers and will forever treasure the many deeds of prayers, love, compassion and support we received from you.

May God bless You!

Mike Tokyo and Children

40 years later, 'Power Broker' is standard reading

NEW YORK (AP)—Carl Weisbrod was two years out of graduate school, planning a career in law, when a new book about municipal builder Robert Moses changed his life: Robert Caro's "The Power Broker."

"It had a profound effect on me," says Weisbrod, now the chair of New York City's planning commission. "It really got to me to see that planning and development was as important as human services in terms of how it shaped people's lives."

A generation of city planners and builders have come of age since Caro's 1,300-page, Pulitzer Prize-winning biography was published 40 years ago. Celebrated for its exhaustive detail, controversial for its startling disclosures, Caro's book has been cited as inspiration for a new approach to urban planning—more modest in scale, more focused on community involvement.

The book remains widely read and talked about, and in the opinion of many, stands as a modern classic. "The Power Broker," ranked No. 92 on the Modern Library's list of the greatest nonfiction works of the 20th century, continues to sell 10,000 copies a year, according to publisher Alfred A. Knopf, and is a standard text for sociology, city planning and urban history courses.

"When I was teaching, I always assigned it," says Eloise Hirsh, a former teacher at Carnegie Mellon University and a former planning director in Pittsburgh who now administers a New York City park. "That book is so much about what you have to do in government to make things happen."

"Students would blanch at the beginning, because of how thick the book was, but once they got into it, it read like a novel," says Weisbrod, who used the book while teaching at Columbia University and New York University.

New York City was nearly bankrupt when "The Power Broker" was released, and Moses, who died in 1981, was out of office and out of favor after an extraordinary four-decade reign that saw him outmatch mayors, governors and even presidents and implement much of the city's infrastructure in the 20th century. A human monument of vision, energy and ruthlessness, he built hundreds of playgrounds, hundreds of miles of roadways and 13 bridges.

At one point, he held a dozen appointive state and city positions. Early in his career, he was praised as a dynamic reformer who restored and revitalized New York's parks during the Great Depression and masterminded such landmark public works projects as Jones Beach. But by the late 1960s, he was widely condemned as heartless and corrupted, tearing down neighborhoods and

disdaining mass transit in favor of automobiles.

Caro sees "The Power Broker" as not only a biography, but a history of New York City and a primer on politics. During a recent interview with The Associated Press, the 78-year-old author explained that he first thought of the book in the 1960s when he was an investigative reporter for Newsday and realized that Moses, an unelected official, could essentially implement his ideas at will.

"You're seeing the raw, naked realities of power, as opposed to the textbook version of power that we learned in high school and college," says Caro, who has spent the decades following "The Power Broker" writing a multivolume series on Lyndon Johnson. Noting its ongoing



presence in classrooms, Caro said "The Power Broker" has succeeded as he had hoped: "teaching kids about power."

Setting a pattern that has continued with the Johnson books, he had intended to write "The Power Broker" in nine months, but ended up needing several

years. Caro turned in a manuscript of more than 1 million words that was eventually cut to around 700,000, still well over 1,000 pages.

Despite complaints that Caro was too harsh on Moses, his book remains so definitive that its legacy is inseparable from

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In this Aug. 20, 2008 file photo, author and biographer Robert Alan Caro smiles during an interview in New York.

the legacy of Moses. Defenders of Moses have said that his excesses should not cancel out his achievements, but Caro himself cautioned against overreaction. In the book's introduction, he noted that before and after Moses' 40-year reign, few major projects were launched and completed in New York City.

"Robert Moses may have bent the democratic processes of the city to his own ends," he wrote, but a better way to construct public works in an urban community is one "which democracy has not yet solved."

Con Howe, the former director of planning for Los Angeles,

sees the book as an illustration of unchecked power, but also of achievement. He spoke of a current project in Los Angeles, where efforts to expand a subway line have been delayed because Beverly Hills residents want tunnels that were supposed to run under Beverly Hills High School to be redirected, with a fear of terrorism among the concerns raised.

"Some of the questions raised by 'The Power Broker' are still absolutely relevant," Howe says. "It's funny. I'll be with all my right-thinking, liberal, public do-gooder friends. And someone will say, 'We've got to get this subway system built and figure out how to prevent all these delays.' And I'll say, 'Guess who else would have used those words?'"

Famed Elvis photographer Alfred Wertheimer dies

By **LINDA DEUTSCH**
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Alfred Wertheimer, the photographer whose portraits of Elvis Presley documented the birth of a music legend, has died.

Wertheimer, who was 85, died of natural causes Sunday at his New York apartment, said Chris Murray, who owns Washington, D.C.'s Govinda Gallery which counts Wertheimer among its artists.

Wertheimer was 26 when he was assigned to photograph the unknown 21-year-old singer. He traveled with Elvis from New York to Memphis by train and produced a series of now famous black and white portraits that were the subject of exhibits at the Smithsonian Institution and the Grammy Museum.

"There has been no other photographer that Elvis ever allowed to get as up close and personal in his life through photos as he did with Alfred," Priscilla Presley said Tuesday. "I'm deeply saddened by the death of Alfred Wertheimer. He was a dear friend and special soul. I feel he was a gift for all who knew him especially, Elvis Presley."

Among the most famous shots: "The Kiss," a photo of Elvis nuzzling a woman fan backstage. Photographs of Elvis recording "Hound Dog" and "Don't Be Cruel," reading fan mail, eating alone, staring out a train window, playing a piano in an empty studio and walking by himself on a deserted New York street depicted a solitude that later was surrendered to fame and mobs of fans.

Murray, who first exhibited the photos at Washington, D.C.'s Govinda Gallery where the photos are still shown, curated an exhibit of his photos



This June 30, 1956 photo provided by courtesy of Taschen shows, "The Kiss," at the Mosque Theater in Richmond, Va. The image is Wertheimer's most iconic photograph, and the identity of the woman was unknown until she came forward in 2011.

for the Smithsonian and edited several books of the photos. His work has been shown in museums and galleries throughout the world. Wertheimer's photos are about to be exhibited at The Lumiere Brothers Center for Photography in Moscow, his first Russian exhibit.

"Alfred's photos were about America in 1956, the lunch counters, the trains, the stores where Elvis looked in the windows and wondered if he could ever buy those things," Murray said. "Apart from his recordings, the photos are the most important vintage documents of Elvis' life."

He quoted Wertheimer as telling him: "I was a reporter whose pen was a camera."

With his pictures appear-

ing on calendars, in books, on memorabilia and clothing, the capstone of his career was the publication last year of "Elvis and the Birth of Rock And Roll," a limited edition published by Taschen.

"Alfred Wertheimer always used to say, 'If your pictures are boring, get closer.' And he lived up to that rule, getting inside Elvis's world like no other photographer ever could," said Nina Wiener, co-editor of the Taschen book.

At a book signing last year, Wertheimer recalled that he shot in black and white because RCA, Elvis' label, refused to pay for high-priced color film and processing, uncertain if Elvis was going to be worth it. The photographer shot one roll

of color that he paid for himself.

Jack Soden, CEO of Elvis Presley Enterprises at Graceland in Memphis, called Wertheimer a great part of the Elvis legacy.

"The young Al Wertheimer collided with the young Elvis Presley at just the most unique time in 1956," Soden said. "Al's photographs captured the beginning of a new era in popular culture and have continued to define the young Elvis over all the decades since."

Wertheimer had humble beginnings. His family fled Hitler's Germany when he was 6 and settled in Brooklyn, where his father was a butcher. As a boy, he received his first camera from his brother and became fascinated with record-

ing images.

He studied drawing at Cooper Union, graduating with a degree in advertising design. But photography was his passion. When drafted into the Army, he compiled a photo essay on his company and was assigned as a photographer for the Army newspaper in Heidelberg, Germany.

Back home, he began a freelance photo business and was hired by RCA to photograph singers. His fateful assignment in 1956 left all the other pictures in the dust. He would say later that he received a two-week assignment and it lasted nearly 60 years.

Wertheimer is survived by his nieces Pam Wertheimer and Heidi Wohlfeld.

From Kors to DVF, fashion mourns de la Renta

NEW YORK (AP)—Fun, sunny, romantic. Oscar de la Renta approached fashion and life on those terms, but there was more, so much more, those who loved and admired the designer say.

The “more,” Vogue’s Anna Wintour wrote Tuesday on the magazine’s website, was “democratic.”

By that, she meant de la Renta possessed the sensibility, the ease, to dine with the rich and famous but happily play dominoes with his staff.

The “more,” to others, was his desire to make women feel feminine and pretty, and not just a coterie of first ladies and socialites.

Laura Bush favored de la Renta, and so does her daughter, Jenna, who was emotional Tuesday during a “Today” show appearance in describing the close friendship that developed when he created her wedding gown.

“It was the first dress he showed me. I put it on and he said, ‘And now to the most important accessory,’ and he handed me his arm and he said, ‘The man.’ And so I put my arm in his arm and I got

to walk through his showroom with Oscar de la Renta.”

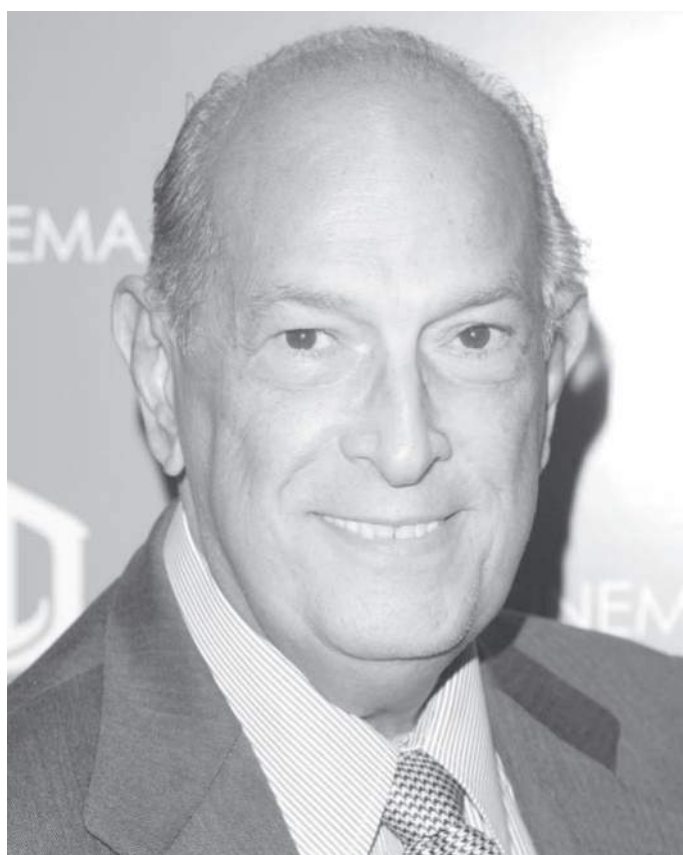
De la Renta, at 82, died Monday at home in Kent, Connecticut, surrounded by family, friends and his beloved dogs after more than four decades in the fashion industry. A handwritten statement signed by his stepdaughter Eliza Reed Bolen and her husband, Alex Bolen, did not specify a cause of death, but de la Renta had spoken in the past of having cancer.

Wintour wrote that his strength, his courage, “must have been with him in the hospital last week when he made the decision to turn off treatment; it was not the quality of life he wanted.”

Eveningwear was de la Renta’s specialty, though he also was known for chic daytime suits worn by ladies who lunch. His signature looks were voluminous skirts, exquisite embroideries and rich colors.

Suzy Menkes, the respected British fashion journalist, called de la Renta the American Valentino.

“He knew his clients. He dined with his clients and holi-



dayed with his clients,” she said. His early training “put Oscar in the category of haute couture, something that never really existed in American fashion, which was focused more on sportswear.”

IMG Models president Ivan Bart recalled fittings for models Carolyn Murphy and Shalom Harlow for New York

Fashion Week.

“The creative energy in the room was so potent and inspiring,” Bart said. “Each fitting was a collaborative effort. Mr. De La Renta involved everyone in the room and considered everyone’s opinions. He was a truly generous and brilliant man.”

Designer Donna Karan called

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In this Oct. 13, 2011 file photo, Oscar de la Renta attends the Cinema Society premiere of “The Skin I Live In” in New York.

de la Renta the “ultimate ladies’ man,” adding: “Oscar was an amazing designer because he lived in the present, always moving forward. To be dressed by Oscar was the ultimate in fashion.”

Earlier this month, first lady Michelle Obama notably wore a de la Renta dress for the first time. He had criticized her several years earlier for not wearing an American designer to a state dinner in 2011.

“Oscar de la Renta truly was the ultimate diplomat for American fashion,” said Eric Wilson, the fashion news director for InStyle magazine. “Much like his designs ... Oscar himself projected an image of elegance.”

Ruthie Friedlander, deputy editor for Elle.com, understands the “more” that set de la Renta apart. It was about women and his ability to understand their beauty.

“You could picture yourself wearing his clothes, even if you didn’t have an occasion for them. It might have been aspirational, but he had a piece for you in there somewhere,” she said.

The designer’s path to New York’s Seventh Avenue took an unlikely route: He left his native Dominican Republic at 18 to study painting in Spain, but soon became sidetracked by fashion, launching his own label in 1965.

“In some way or another everyone who works in fashion, especially being Dominican, we identify with him,” said Leonel Lirio, one of the Dominican Republic’s most prominent designers. “We all wanted to be him one day; we wanted to have the same style as him.”

De la Renta told The Associated Press in 2004 that his Hispanic roots had worked their way into his designs.

“I like light, color, luminosity. I like things full of color and vibrant,” he said.

While de la Renta made Manhattan his primary home, he often visited the Dominican Republic and kept a home there. Wintour, Vogue’s editor in chief, was a frequent visitor and she has said traveling with him was like traveling with the president.

She and daughter Bee paid a visit to his country home in the northwestern Connecticut town of Kent, where gardening and dancing were among his favorite diversions.

‘Fascinating’ change of plans: Walters will return

NEW YORK (AP)—Maybe Barbara Walters had her fingers crossed when she said last year’s “10 Most Fascinating People” telecast would be her last.

In any case, ABC announced Tuesday that Walters will be back with yet another edition of the annual roundup. Among those fascinating people she will interview for the special: Oprah Winfrey, Neil Patrick Harris, Chelsea Handler and Scarlett Johansson.



Walters

“Barbara Walters Presents: The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2014” will air as a two-hour special on Dec. 14, ABC says.

Walters explained the turnabout by saying, “There are just too many fascinating people out there.”

The annual specials began airing in 1993. But last year’s was billed as the finale for Walters as the veteran newswoman, now 85, headed toward retirement from ABC News.

Police contacted actress before she was found dead

AUBURN, Wash. (AP)—Suburban Seattle police say they contacted actress Misty Upham, known for her roles in “August: Osage County,” “Frozen River” and “Django Unchained,” several times before she was found dead in a ravine last week.

Auburn police said Tuesday that officers contacted Upham four times since July 2013, and each time she agreed to be taken by private ambulance for further evaluation. Once she told inves-

tigators she had a black eye and an ankle injury from jumping out a second-story window.

The manner of her death hasn’t been determined, but police say there was no sign of foul play. However, her father has said he doesn’t believe she committed suicide.

Police say they made numerous attempts to find Upham when relatives reported her missing Oct. 6, including trying to ping her cellphone. Her service had been discontinued.

Teresa Giudice asks to serve term in halfway house

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—“Real Housewives of New Jersey” star Teresa Giudice (JOO’dys) is petitioning to serve most of her federal prison sentence in a halfway house.

A lawyer for Giudice filed a letter with a judge in Newark this week, asking for a recommendation that she serve 12 months in a halfway house.

Giudice was sentenced to 15 months in prison after she pleaded guilty to bankruptcy fraud and conspiracy.

Her husband, Giuseppe “Joe” Giudice, was sentenced to 41 months.

The government opposes Teresa Giudice’s request. Prosecutors wrote in a filing Tuesday that the judge recommended prison time at the Oct. 2 sentencing hearing.

Giudice has also requested to be housed at a prison camp facility in West Virginia or Danbury, Connecticut, instead of a detention facility in Manhattan or Brooklyn.

Search for husband stumbles over scars on woman’s legs

DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old woman from the Philippines. I have been insecure all my life. I know I have a pretty face, but I have a lot of scars on my legs from childhood. Because of this I am depressed, unhappy and insecure. I never wear shorts, skirts or dresses that show my legs.

Do you think there is some guy somewhere who will love me despite my scars? I’m well aware that guys like sexy ladies with flawless skin. I hate the way my legs look, and I doubt I will ever find a husband. Please help me.

INSECURE LADY

DEAR INSECURE: Please quit putting yourself down. Sometimes we women can be our most severe critics. If you stop looking for reasons men won’t like you and start concentrating on why they WILL, you may have better luck.

Men like women who are fun to be around, who are kind, intelligent, honest and who don’t play games. A man who would reject you because of scars on your legs isn’t a person you need for a lasting, meaningful relationship.

DEAR ABBY: My dog got my neighbor’s dog pregnant, and my neighbor kept it secret so she can sell the pups and keep all the money. I know this because her son told me so.

My dog died this week and I really want one of the puppies. I can’t afford to buy one at \$300. Does the family of the father of the pups have any rights?

MISSING MY DOGGIE

DEAR MISSING YOUR DOGGIE: Pets are supposed to be spayed or neutered to prevent this sort of thing from happening. I’m sorry for the loss of your beloved dog. If the pregnancy was unplanned, the owner of the female is not obligated to provide a puppy or compensation to the owner of the male. Perhaps out of compassion your neighbor will relent and give one to you.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for more than 15 years to a man who refuses to kiss me. We kissed briefly on our wedding day (long enough to take a photo) and have not done so since then.

This past New Year’s Eve instead of the traditional kiss on the lips, he gave me a kiss on the head and a peck, akin to what you’d see between close friends. He says the human mouth has many germs in it.

Abby, I dream of being kissed. I know the possibility of it happening during my marriage is close to nil. What can I do? I am well-groomed and practice good oral hygiene.

DOING WITHOUT SOMETHING NICE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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DEAR DOING WITHOUT: It has been 15 years since you have been kissed and you’re writing me about it only NOW? Was your courtship this way, too?

Relationships wither without affection. Your husband appears to either be germ phobic or passive aggressive. Unless he is willing to talk to a counselor about it, nothing will change. I hope he’ll do it before you meet someone else under the mistletoe or at the stroke of midnight.

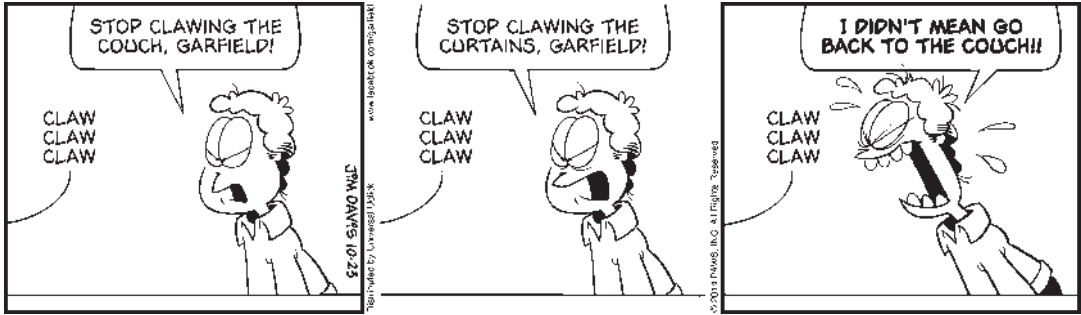
For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order “How to Be Popular.” Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

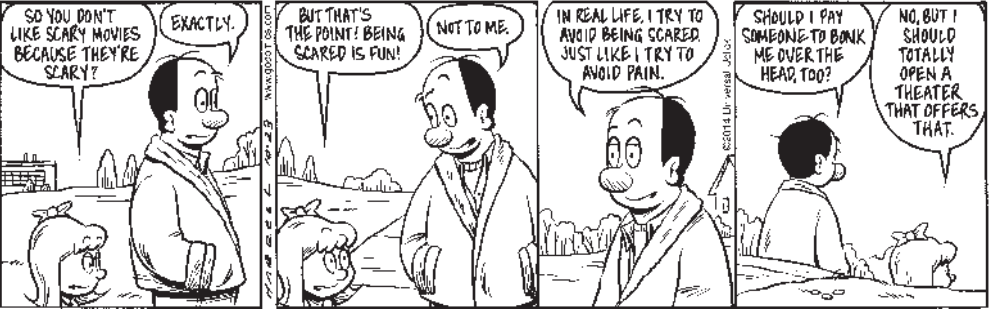
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Yesterday's answer 10-23

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ryan Reynolds, 38; Nancy Grace, 55; Weird Al Yankovic, 55; Dwight Yoakam, 58.

Happy Birthday: Opportunities are heading in your direction. You will have to act fast and keep the momentum going if you want to make the most of this auspicious year. Career changes will lead to a welcome learning curve and skills that will enable you to set your sights even higher. Don't rule out relocation. Embrace the future with optimism. Your numbers are 9, 14, 24, 29, 35, 39, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let anyone bully you. Stay calm and collect your thoughts. Taking a short trip or doing something you enjoy will ease tension. A serious matter concerning an older family member is best dealt with cautiously.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't neglect minor health issues. Matters that concern a pet must not be left unattended. You will pick up interesting information if you ask questions, do research or sign up for a seminar. Don't fold under pressure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Plan to get out and take part in activities that are work-related. If you are fun to be with, everyone will want to spend time with you. Making positive changes at home will boost your morale and your relationship with loved ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a pass if someone pushes you in an undesirable direction. Trouble will develop if you get into a deep discussion with someone who doesn't feel the same way you do about religion, politics or other issues. Focus on fun, not debate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Step into the spotlight and make it count. Talk about your concerns, desires and intentions, and you'll be surprised how many people support your efforts. Travel, communication and partnerships will lead to prosperous deals. Love is on the rise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have lots to think about. Look at your community and the people you are surrounded by and you will recognize the problems and the solutions required to make life better. Encourage change, but refrain from being pushy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will intrigue the people you encounter if you share your thoughts, experience and wisdom. Don't shy away from an opportunity to have a conversation with someone you admire. Your thoughts will be appreciated and a friendship will develop.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be cautious of anyone who is too complimentary. Ulterior motives are present, and you must protect your reputation and your assets. Secret information is being withheld, making it impossible for you to make a well-informed decision.

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Bumgarner, Giants stop Royals is opener



San Francisco Giants' Hunter Pence is congratulated by Pablo Sandoval after Pence hit a two-run home run during the first inning of Game 1 of baseball's World Series against the Kansas City Royals Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)— By the time Madison Bumgarner took the mound to throw his first pitch, the San Francisco Giants already held a three-run lead.

It might as well have been 100 with the way MadBum and this orange-and-black bunch play in the World Series.

Bumgarner took a shutout into the seventh inning, Hunter Pence homered early and the Giants showed off their October poise, putting a sudden stop to the Kansas City Royals' perfect postseason roll by romping 7-1 in the Series opener Tuesday night.

"They've obviously been on a great run. You don't get here without that," Bumgarner said. "I think our team is concentrating on what they need to do, not what the Royals are doing."

From the get-go, the Giants simply did everything right to win their seventh straight World Series game. There's a reason they're trying for their third title in five years.

"I can't say I'm surprised by these guys," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

The Royals, meanwhile, looked nothing like the fresh team that had become baseball's darlings by starting the playoffs with eight wins in a row - back on the field after a five-day lay-off, their pitching, hitting and fielding all deserted them.

The fates seemed to change from the very first batter, in fact. Gregor Blanco led off with a soft line drive to center field and AL Championship Series MVP Lorenzo Cain charged, then backed off as the ball fell for a single. It would've taken a near miracle to catch it, but that's

the kind of play the Royals had been making on a routine basis.

Moments later, Pence's homer highlighted a three-run burst in the first inning against James Shields. Nicknamed "Big Game James," he once again failed to live up to that billing and left in the fourth when the Giants made it 5-0.

"It just wasn't my night tonight," Shields said.

By then, Royals fans who had waited since 1985 for the Series to return to town had gone silent. Or, worse, they were booing while small "Let's go, Giants!" chants echoed through Kauffman Stadium.

Just like that, what many figured would be a tight matchup had turned into a mismatch. And it was a good omen for the Giants - the Game 1 winner has won 15 of the last 17 World Series.

The Royals will try to get

even in Game 2 on Wednesday night when rookie Yordano Ventura starts against veteran Jake Peavy.

"We didn't expect to come in here and sweep the San Francisco Giants," Kansas City manager Ned Yost said.

Bumgarner added to his sparkling World Series resume, improving to 3-0 and extending his scoreless streak to 21 innings before Salvador Perez homered with two outs in the seventh.

"I would tell you I wasn't thinking about it, but you know," Bumgarner said. "There's no way around it. You know. There's so much talk about it. Obviously, a World Series game is not something you tend to forget."

The 25-year-old left-hander was in trouble only once. Down 3-0 in the third, the Royals loaded the bases with a two-

Game 2 starters Ventura, Peavy study in contrasts

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)— The starting pitchers for Game 2 of the World Series are a study in contrasts.

The Royals will send out rookie Yordano Ventura, the hard-throwing right-hander from the Dominican Republic who grew up idolizing Pedro Martinez and now talks to him just about every day. San Francisco will counter with veteran Jake Peavy, the hired gun from Mobile, Alabama, who helped Boston win the World Series last year.

"A lot of energy, I think, on both sides," said Peavy, pointing out perhaps the one thing they have in common. "We'll have our work cut out for us, for sure."

Ventura burst onto the scene last year with his 100 mph fast-ball, aggressive attitude and cool confidence. He's only 23, but already has earned rave reviews from the likes of Cleveland manager Terry Francona,

Yankees skipper Joe Girardi and everybody on his own team.

"Yordano came in obviously last year guns a-blazing," said the Royals' Jeremy Guthrie, who will start Game 3 on Friday night in San Francisco. "His talent was evident from the very first start."

Ventura's electric arm is a big reason why Royals manager Ned Yost brought him in as a reliever in the wild-card win over Oakland. Yet the starter, perhaps too amped up, promptly gave up a three-run homer to Brandon Moss and another hit to Josh Reddick before he was yanked.

The Royals rallied to win in 12 innings, though, and Ventura fared far better when he started in the AL Division Series against the Angels, allowing one run over seven innings.

Ventura got a no decision in his ALCS start against Baltimore, a game the Royals also won.

"For me, another thing I focus

on is to live day by day," Ventura said with Guthrie serving as his translator. "Really, what happened in Oakland, I had moved past that."

Meanwhile, Peavy will be trying to move on from a rather pedestrian start in the NLCS. After pitching two-hit ball into the sixth inning against Washington in the divisional round, he allowed two runs on four hits in just four innings against St. Louis.

Yet the simple fact that he's pitching in the postseason is a testament to his ability.

The former Cy Young winner helped the Red Sox beat the Cardinals in last year's World Series, allowing two runs over four innings in his lone start - a game Boston won. With Peavy's playoff experience in mind, the Giants traded for him in late July, even though he was scuffling along with a 1-9 record and didn't look anything like the three-time All-Star of old.

Peavy said the change of scenery helped get him back on track, as did a minor mechanical change. The results were striking: He went 6-4 with a 2.17 ERA after landing in San Francisco.

"I've said all along, when you have guys that believe in you - Bruce Bochy doesn't know anything else but to believe in me," Peavy said. "It's a different feel of belief he has in not just me but all of his players. And I think that's why he gets out of us what he gets out of us."

Peavy has struggled against the Royals - with a 4.97 ERA that's the worst of any team he's faced more than six times. He also has had problems at spacious Kauffman Stadium, where he is just 1-5 with a 6.42 ERA.

"It just comes down to executing pitches," he said. "I'm going to do all I can do to execute my pitches, and I feel really confident about my ability to do that."

Pence also doubled and walked twice.

"We're ready to move on tomorrow," Shields said. "We have a lot of positive attitude right now, we're tracking at an all-time high. We just faced a good pitcher tonight."

Before the game, the mood at the ballpark was positively giddy. Ushers greeted fans with "Welcome to the World Series!" and some hot-dog vendors high-fived each other behind the counter.

Yet the Giants wrecked that fun, and won for the 16th time in their last 18 postseason games. A slight misstep: Tim Lincecum, who hasn't pitched this postseason, was delayed in the clubhouse and was late getting onto the field when the teams lined up before the game.

The Royals had won 11 straight in the postseason dating to their 1985 championship run, one short of the record held by a pair of New York Yankees clubs.

S I D E B A R

Shields, Royals tight in Game 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)— The Kansas City Royals had adopted the scrappy, intense attitude of Royals starter James Shields during their thrilling postseason run. They followed his cue on Tuesday night, too.

It just happened that Shields was tight from the very first pitch.

The veteran starter was pounded for five runs on seven hits and a walk, failed to record an out in the third inning and was pulled from Game 1 to a smattering of boos. Kansas City went on to lose 7-1 to the San Francisco Giants in its first World Series appearance in 29 years.

"Maybe amped up a bit," Shields acknowledged, "but I have to bear down and get the job done. That is the bottom line. I didn't get the job done tonight."

Neither did the rest of the Royals, who had swept through the playoffs but suddenly looked more like the 100-loss cellar-dwellers that Kansas City fielded so many times over the years.

The only run the Royals scored came on Salvador Perez's homer in the seventh inning.

Their crisp defense had fallen apart, right fielder Nori Aoki at one point whiffing on a flyball that bounced past him for a triple. Their daring base-running had been made irrelevant. Their bullpen, too. And an offense that struggled all season managed three hits off Giants ace Madison Bumgarner, flailing at his pitches as if they were hoping to make contact rather than expecting it.

"Maybe that happened because this group, we had a lot of guys making their World Series debuts tonight," shortstop Alcides Escobar said.

"Eventually we felt good."

By that point, it was already too late.

Gregor Blanco tagged Shields for a leadoff single, Buster Posey added another single, and Pablo Sandoval doubled to right field before the game was 15 minutes old. Posey was thrown out at home on a nice relay throw by second baseman Omar Infante, but the Giants still had a 1-0 lead.

It became 3-0 when Hunter Pence homered on a full-count pitch in the next at-bat.

"That isn't the way we planned it," Shields said.

By the time Shields struck out Michael Morse to end the first, he had thrown 32 pitches. The anticipation that had built in the five days since the Royals won the AL pennant had evaporated, and a frenzied crowd that drove up ticket prices to an exorbitant level had been silenced.

Shields, who shut out the Giants in August, set them down in order each of the next two innings. But even then, he was fortunate that several hard-hit balls found gloves.

His luck ran out in the fourth when Pence, who entered the game 0 for 11 in his career against Shields, connected for a leadoff double. Brandon Belt walked and Morse added an RBI single, forcing Royals manager Ned Yost to make a long, stoic walk to the mound. Shields trudged to the dugout as Danny Duffy trotted in from the bullpen.

It certainly wasn't the outing the Royals expected of "Big Game James," who has been credited with changing the losing clubhouse culture in Kansas City. But it also wasn't the first time Shields had failed up to the nickname given to him by his high school teammates.

LeBron eyeing his third title, first for Cavaliers

CLEVELAND (AP)—Four years away from home changed



LeBron James. He came back more mature, more focused, more complete—in a class by himself as a player.

More significantly, playing with Dwyane Wade in Miami taught him how to be a champion, and James won two titles while making four straight trips to the finals with the Heat.

Now that he's returned to his Ohio roots, he wants No. 3, the

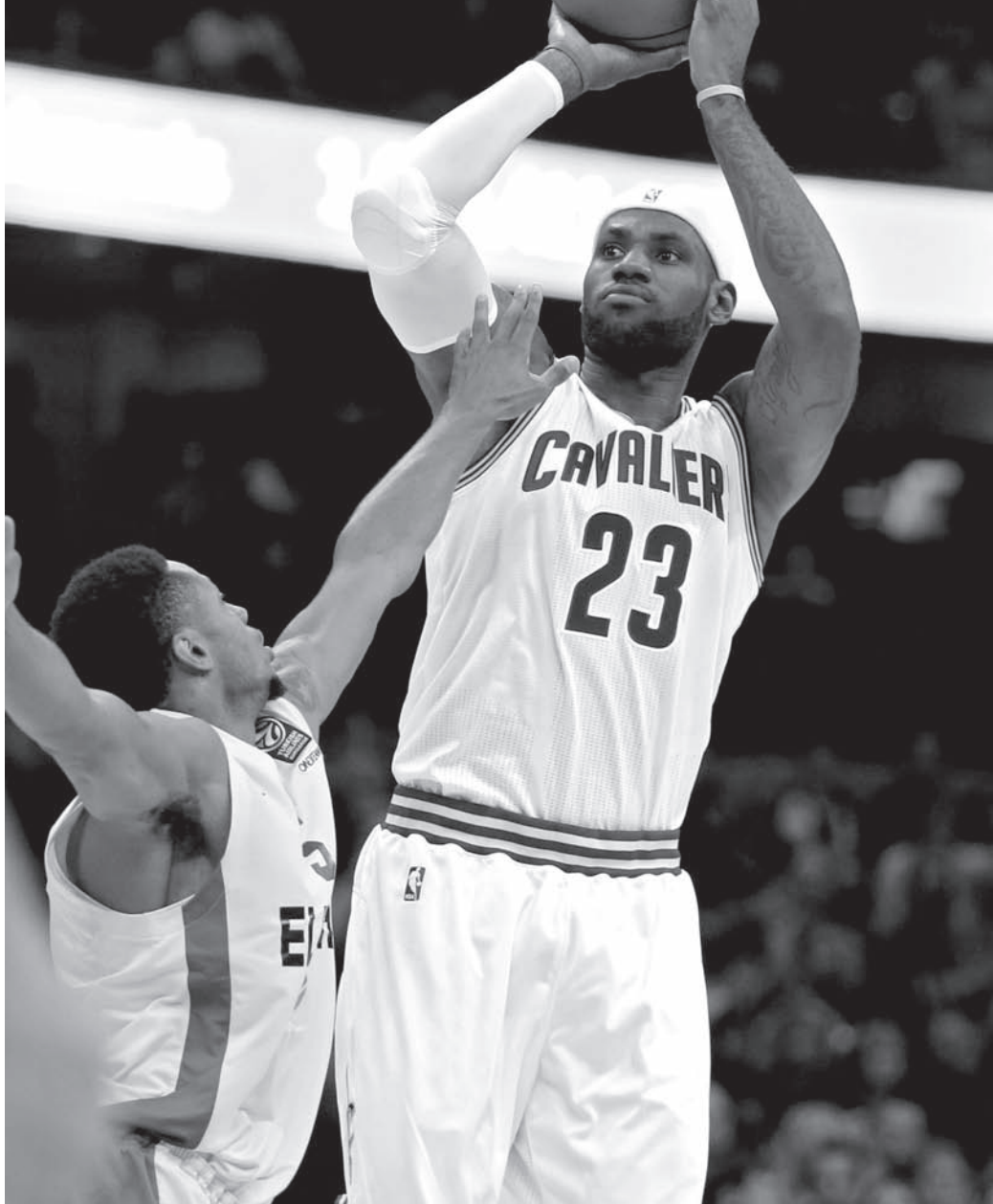
title that would top them all.

Cleveland hasn't experienced the glory of winning a pro sports championship since 1964, when the Browns finished atop the NFL. The champagne has always sprayed elsewhere.

In the prime of his career, James now knows what it takes to win it all. He's fully aware that any path to a title is strewn with potential roadblocks such as injuries and chemistry issues. Nothing is certain and nothing will come easy to the Cavs.

There will be growing pains, perhaps roster changes. It may

In this Oct. 5, 2014, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) shoots a 3-point shot over Maccabi Tel Aviv's Marquez Haynes in the first quarter of a preseason exhibition basketball game in Cleveland.



take a year or two.

Still, James is poised to deliver that long-sought championship to Cleveland. It's his chance to make good on the promise he made before leaving in 2010, when his departure broke hearts and drained hope from an entire region.

He's got a much better supporting cast this time around. He'll team with All-Stars Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love—the league's newest “Big 3”—and maybe a trio more devastating than previous incarnations in

Boston and Miami.

James had preached patience in the heartfelt Sports Illustrated essay which ushered in his return in July. That was before Love was on board and before the Cavs—with James' urging—signed Shawn Marion, Mike Miller and James Jones, all players with championship pedigree to help him to get the job done.

A championship here would be more meaningful.

“For multiple reasons, but I don't want to get too ahead of myself,” James said recently,

trying to tone down roaring expectations. “I don't want to talk about it too much because then it could be used as a sound bite. So I'm not even going to get involved in that right now. We've got a long way to go.”

It promises to be quite a ride, and here are some other things to monitor as the Cavs chase a championship:

James spent two years unofficially recruiting Love, his Olympic teammate in 2012. He's always admired Irving, whose decision to sign a five-

year contract extension just minutes into July's free-agency period ignited the Cavs' monumental makeover. The talent is undeniable, but will the three stars align?

“It's tough because sometimes you're put into a role that you're not familiar with because you've been used to carrying a team so long,” said Paul Pierce, who won a title in Boston with Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen. “The guys we had made the transition easy. I think we all made it easy on ourselves because of our communication and our bond from the start. We wanted nothing more than to win a championship.”

Love and Irving, by the way, have both had injury issues and neither has been to the playoffs.

Imagine David Blatt's luck. One of Europe's top coaches over the past 20 years, he was hired in June after the Cavs fired Mike Brown following a 33-49 season. In the span of weeks, Cleveland's roster was transformed, making the Cavs instant title contenders and putting the pressure on Blatt.

His uptempo offense has been described as “genius” and Blatt has been surrounded with a quality staff to ease his transition from the international game.

James has always dominated the ball on offense. He's been the trigger man for everything. That could change now that he's paired with Irving, whose assist average could go through the roof and who doesn't have to carry the Cavs as he did the past three years.

“It's Kyrie's show,” James said. “I never played with a point guard like Kyrie Irving, a guy that can kind of take over a game by himself. He's our point guard. He's our floor general.”

While the Cavs lack a true, rim-protecting center, Anderson Varejao and Tristan Thompson are both high-energy rebounders who will undoubtedly benefit from teams focusing on James, Love and Irving. Blatt doesn't think it matters which of them starts and has confidence in both players.

S I D E B A R

Kevin Durant struggling to deal with foot injury

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Thunder forward Kevin Durant says he has been antsy since finding out he will miss the early part of the season with a broken bone in his right foot.

The reigning MVP spoke to the media Tuesday for the first time since the injury. He had surgery on Oct. 16 and will be re-evaluated in about five weeks. He rolled into the media session on a scooter with the lower half of his right leg in a cast.

Durant says he's never had surgery, so he doesn't know how he will respond to it, but he won't rush his return. He said the situation presents an opportunity for his teammates to grow, and he feels that the team will be better off in the long run as a result.

Meanwhile, in Orlando, the Magic have agreed to terms on a four-year, \$54 million contract extension with center Nikola Vucevic, a league source told Yahoo Sports.

Vucevic averaged 13.6 points and 11.5 rebounds during his first two seasons with the Magic after being acquired from the Philadelphia 76ers to replace Dwight Howard.

The Magic had until the end

of Halloween to reach an extension to avoid Vucevic becoming a restricted free agent next summer where he would have been one of the top big men on the market.

Vucevic, who turns 24 on Friday, will make \$2.9 million in the final year of his contract this season before making an average of \$13.3 million per season in his new deal.

In Chicago, the Bulls say guard Jimmy Butler will miss their final preseason game with a sprained left thumb.

Butler was injured when he deflected a pass in the first quarter of Sunday night's 101-96 victory over Charlotte.

The Bulls announced on Tuesday that an MRI and subsequent examinations had confirmed the diagnosis of sprained thumb ligaments. Butler will miss practice this week and will be re-evaluated after Chicago plays Minnesota in St. Louis on Friday night.

Butler averaged a career-high 13.1 points and 4.9 rebounds in 67 games last season. He also is regarded as a strong perimeter defender.

Chicago opens the regular season on Oct. 29 at the New York Knicks.

Manning back to work after setting record



ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—No more fun and games for Peyton Manning.

OK, it was “hat day” for the Denver Broncos, who didn't don helmets or pads at practice Tuesday. Still, the new record-holder for most career touchdown passes made it clear he has put his historic Sunday night performance against San Francisco behind him.

That's because Philip Rivers and the San Diego Chargers (5-2) are making another Thursday night visit to Sports Authority Field.

“It's a short week and we've got to shift our focus to a really

good team that we're very familiar with,” Manning said. “... As much as you're happy about winning, you have to put it behind you and move on.”

Manning said he feels fortunate to have taken the fourth quarter off Sunday night after playing just 51 snaps in Denver's 41-17 win over the 49ers. Last year, he played 95 snaps in a comeback win against Tennessee before the Chargers' shocking 27-20 win in Denver four nights later.

Most of the other offensive starters for the Broncos (5-1) also got a breather thanks to a 32-point lead after three quarters.

“So, you would hope physically that would make a difference in how guys feel,” Manning said. “Now, if you don't throw the ball accurately or know who to block it doesn't matter how you feel.”

Rivers said that challenge this year is similar for both teams: “They just played on Sunday night and we've got to travel, so it evens out.”

The Chargers were the only team to beat the Broncos in Denver last season. That also was on a Thursday night. Mike McCoy's game plan and Rivers' execution thwarted the highest-scoring team in NFL history in a stunning win that propelled San

Diego toward a playoff push.

The Chargers stymied the Broncos by keeping Manning on the sideline for nearly 39 minutes that night.

Manning is coming off a very different kind of keep-away, one in which his receivers played with the milestone memento from his 509th touchdown toss that broke Brett Favre's record.

Demaryius Thomas, who caught the pass, revealed Manning actually had them practice the celebration stunt last week.

“We were definitely rehearsing it but I didn't think we were going to do it,” said Emmanuel Sanders. “I ended running up to Demaryius and I was like, ‘Let's just do it. I don't care, let's just do it.’ It's a good nucleus of guys here. It's all about having

fun but also winning.”

The keepsake didn't even end up with Manning.

The ball went on display at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, along with the handmade “509” sign that Manning used while posing with Thomas and the famous football on the sideline.

Keith Russell of Zionsville, Indiana, along with his sons Owen and Elliot and his father, Ted Russell, were the first visitors to the museum Tuesday morning and got to place the record football in the glass-encased exhibit.

Thomas held on tight to the football the next time he scored, Manning's 510th touchdown toss.

“D.T. had to turn in 509,”

tight end Jacob Tamme said, suggesting nobody will ever spike another football in the end zone that Manning has thrown because “every one that we get from now on is a new record.”

Despite the caps that made it seem like a training camp walkthrough, the Broncos were a serious bunch Tuesday, their December letdown against San Diego fresh in their minds.

Manning had complained about the short week of preparation leading up to that game and some of his teammates acknowledged afterward that they had their minds more on the long weekend of R&R that followed than on fending off a good team scrapping for a playoff berth.

Joeten rolls to fourth straight victory

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Joeten boosted its bid for the outright semis ticket in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League after routing Commonwealth Utilities Corp., 83-57, last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Joeten rolled to its fourth consecutive victory after a 0-2 start and with its 4-2 mark it remained at the top half of the team standings in the nine-squad field. Joeten is at third place behind unbeaten Shirley's Coffee Shop (5-0) and Micronesian Brokers, Inc./Anchor (4-1) and ahead of Public School System (3-2), McDonald's (3-2), CUC (2-3), Saipan Ice & Water (1-3), Top Development, Inc. (0-4), and Docomo Pacific (0-5). The Top 2 teams after the round-robin regular season will automatically advance to the semis, while the No. 3 to 6 finishers will battle for the last two Final Four berths and the bottom three will be eliminated.

Joeten kept its hopes for the automatic semis seat alive and stretched its streak after playing another unselfish basketball against the struggling CUC. Four players hit double figures in Joeten's lopsided win over CUC and the rest of the team combined for 22 points.

Alex Lauron and Kevin De Leon top-scored for Joeten with 17 points, Syl Teregeyo added 12, while Ferdie Tobias



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Joeten's Syl Teregeyo sneaks into the defense of a Saipan Ice & Water player during an earlier game in the JP World caging this month at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

chipped in 11. Jason Sablan, who was part of the team's starting lineup contributed 8, while Rio Jacob came off the bench and logged 7 markers. Dean Borja, Dixon Kwon, and Juanito Samile also made it to the board, nailing one field goal apiece.

With Joeten getting points from every player it fielded in the game, it took an early double-digit advantage, 24-13, after 10 minutes of play. Seven different players lit up the scoreboard for Joeten in the first period, while only two players drilled more than one field goal for CUC.

Joeten maintained its 20-plus production in the next two quarters, firing 22 and 26 to enter the fourth quarter with a whopping 72-48 lead. CUC only hit the 20-point mark in the third with its 25 markers, but was held to a dismal 10 points in the third to face a big deficit with only 10 minutes left in the match. CUC went on to post its lowest output in the fourth canto as it scored only 9 points. Actually, both teams slowed down in the final frame with Joeten settling for 11 points as it already secured the win even before the playoff period started.

Joeten 83 – Lauron 17, De Leon 17, Teregeyo 12, Tobias 11, Sablan 8, Jacob 7, Borja 3, Kwon 2, Sambile 2.

CUC 57 – Mizutani 14, Benavente 12, Lieto 10, Santos 7, Simada 6, Nunez 2, Poquiz 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-13, 46-23, 72-48, 83-57.

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drates and less fats. I try to stick with the caveman diet where everything is freshly prepared," said Ecalnea. "I also lift heavier weights and push myself hard."

Galang, who added more sets and volume with his training, said that even if they train individually they are always there for each other, motivating and helping in whatever way they can.

"I usually train with Aaron at the gym. But most of the time we train individually and there

are times we see each other at the gym. We help each other out through motivation. Just seeing everyone at the gym working out really hard will inspire you to do the same," added Galang. "What works for me, also works for them. We compete in different weight categories but we all want to achieve the same thing."

Galang, who got into lifting weights as a way to relieve stress when he was in the Army and deployed in Iraq in 2010, added he wanted to influence people to have a healthy lifestyle.

"Lifting weights became a

daily routine then a part of my life. With all the health problems that we have, we want to influence people. 'If this guy can do it, I can do it also,'" said Galang, who also served in Afghanistan last year.

Riodique, who is aiming to get bigger because he plans to join the heavyweight division, said he now follows a different program.

"I want to gain at least 10 pounds since I want to enter as a heavyweight. That's why I'm lifting heavier weights every day. If you want definition you need to do more repetitions with

less weights," said Riodique.

Though sometimes his work schedule gets in the way of his training, Riodique makes it a point to go to the gym religiously.

"I feel sick if I don't go to the gym. It is sometimes hard to work out if you're tired the whole day. Well if I have a lot of money, I won't work anymore. I just spend most of my time inside the gym working out," he said laughing.

"We can't achieve our goal of getting bigger like the other guys who compete. They work out morning and night at the

gym. While us, we only spend one or two hours every day."

Meanwhile, Guam is also using the tournament for its national championship and the host's bets have the option to join the international division. Those competing in the international category, however, are barred

from joining the nationals.

Bantamweight (143.30 lbs. or 65k), lightweight (154.32 lbs. or 70k), welterweight (165.34 lbs. or 75k), middleweight (176.36 lbs. or 80k), and heavyweight (Over 176.36 lbs. or 80k) are the tentative list of men's bodybuilding weight classes.

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said Alvarez.

The 21-year-old Alvarez, despite the odds stacked against him, said he is ready to take a fighter of the same caliber like Uyenoyama.

"PXC knows Saipan boys got heart, so most of the time they give us the top guns right off the back. It's good to face tough opponents but it's not always smart. I had three good fights already so now I'm ready for a huge one and I know PXC believes I have what it takes so I'm glad they gave me this opportunity," he said.

Alvarez trained harder when he found out that he would be facing the veteran Uyenoyama.

"It's always best to go out and train with the real deal gyms, but honestly it's not always about who you train with

but how you train. I know I'm a very hard worker and I worked very hard to get where I'm at."

"When I found out I was facing Darren though, I had to up the training level and I came to train with Frank 'The Crank' Camacho because he knows the fight game very well and he can show me all the things I need to know."

Alvarez said that his ultimate goal is to make it to the UFC someday and become a champion.

"The UFC is the main goal and the reason I fight, but not only do I want to get there, I also want to become the champ. I will make it to the UFC and when I do I will be extremely proud of myself, so long as I get to fight in the big show and put the Marianas on the map for fighting, then my life will be pretty much complete," Alvarez said.

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last one in the 75th minute.

Vergara also canned three goals in Shirley's FC's 8-1 trashing of Kanoa FC in the league's opening week last Oct. 11. She teamed up with Jeraldine Castillo in lifting Shirley's FC to the easy win, as the latter also earned a hat-trick, while Dianne Pablo and Michaela Gariguez scored the two other goals.

Castillo registered back-to-back goals for Shirley's, hitting her first in the 12th minute to tie

the match after Irish Pagarao drew first blood for Kanoa one minute earlier. Castillo's second goal came in the 21st and Shirley's closed out the first half with four more, three of them were courtesy of Vergara and the other one from Pablo. Castillo also logged the first goal for Shirley's in the second half (54th) while Gariguez made it to the board in the 69th minute, and Kanoa's drought continued in the entire final frame.

In other results in the first two weeks of the Women's M-League, Kanoa FC prevailed in the second game last Saturday,

downing Independents FC, 3-1.

Pagarao starred in Kanoa's first win this season after scoring two straight goals in the first half. Jeralyn Castillo converted the other goal for Kanoa FC, as she also lit up the board in the opening half, while Amy Furnare registered the lone goal for IFC.

Before bowing to Kanoa, IFC came from a 1-0 win over Matansa Football Club in the league's opening week. Terra Allen scored in IFC's season-debut win.

Meanwhile, Matansa was scheduled to play its second game last Saturday against

the debuting Paire FC, but the match was reset due to the unplayable field. Tan Holdings FC drew a bye in Week 2 after earning a 2-0 victory over MP United in Week 1. May Kay Alferos and Jennifer Perena scored one goal apiece in Tan Holding's win over MP United.

MP United hopes to barge into the win column this Saturday when it faces Kanoa FC in the third and last game in Week 3 at 8pm. In the first game at 4pm, Shirley's will duel Paire FC, while in the second tiff at 6pm, Tan Holdings will collide against Matansa.

2014 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series 2

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Participants in the junior varsity and high school divisions head out to the course during the second leg of the 2014 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series last Saturday at the Civic Center Beach.



Three runners form a single line.



Runners head towards the finish line.



Two runners keep their pace.



Two runners try to outpace each other.



Mimi Sakano runs toward the finish line.



A participant in the junior varsity division picks up speed towards the marker.



Dylan Ackerman of Saipan Southern High School nears the finish line.



A runner slows down as he nears the finish line.

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5 off to Guam bodybuilding meet

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Five CNMI athletes will try to see if their months of hard work will pay off when they compete in the 2014 Michelob Bodybuilding & Body Fitness Championship and International Invitational this Saturday at the Leo Palace Resort in Yona, Guam.

Tristan Ecalnea, Gerald Galang, Jun Riodique, Aaron Tomokane, and lone female participant Chom Star Gordon will leave Saipan tomorrow in time for the 2pm weigh-in and check-in also at the Leo Palace.

Ecalnea and Riodique will be joining the bodybuilding event, while Galang and Tomokane



Tomokane



Riodique



Galang



Ecalnea



Gordon

will be competing in the physique event. Gordon is entered in the women's bikini contest.

Ecalnea, Galang and Riodique said in unison that they've been training hard al-

most every day for the competition. They added that following a strict diet is the hardest part

of their preparation since they could just not eat anything. "Our diet is composed mostly

of more protein and carbohy-

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Shirley's FC takes early lead; Kanoa wins

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Shirley's Football Club bagged its second straight win in the Women's M-League after blanking MP United, 3-0, last

Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

With its 2-0 record, Shirley's took the early lead in the fall season of the seven-team competition, while MP United is at the bottom of the field with its 0-2 slate.

Alexa Vergara powered Shirley's FC to the easy win

over MP United, scoring a hat-trick in the first game of the league's Week 2 matches. The Marianas High School student drilled all three goals in the second half with her first two recorded in the opening minutes of the final frame and the

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Independents Football Club's Amy Furnare is followed by two Kanoa Football Club defenders during the first half of their game in the Women's M-League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Fans will push Shane to fight harder

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Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez said the support of CNMI and Guam people would further increase his desire to fight harder when he goes up against veteran Darren Uyenoyama this Friday.

"The more fans and people

believe in me, the harder I will fight," said Alvarez in an interview with GuamSportsNet-work.

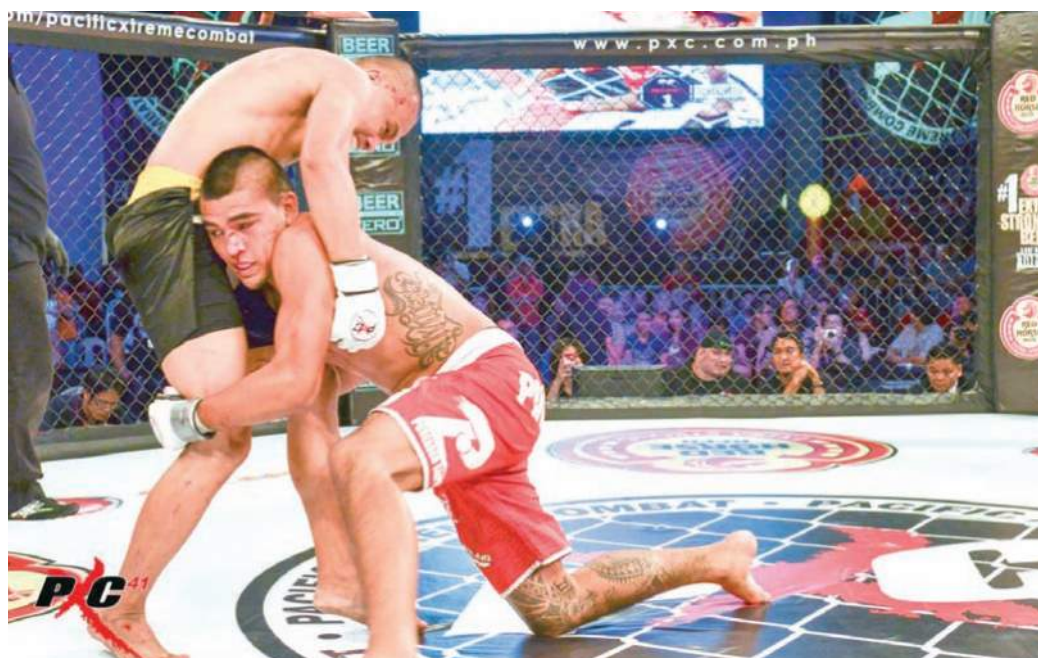
Alvarez will be facing Uyenoyama in one of the eight undercard bouts in Pacific X-treme Combat 45 that will feature the bantamweight title match between Filipino Rolando Dy and hometown bet Kyle Aguon.

Alvarez said he expects Uyenoyama to be one of his tougher opponents since the San Fran-

cisco, California native is an Ultimate Fighting Championship veteran. But, he added he would not go down without a fight.

"There are a lot of people who think he will beat me easily but I'm a hard person for anyone to fight and I will do my very best come fight night. I know Darren isn't nervous because he is very experienced but I'm not nervous either, I'm ready for this,"

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PXC PHOTO

Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez grabs Kid Orias to try to pin him down during their bout in PXC 41 last year at the University of Guam Fieldhouse.